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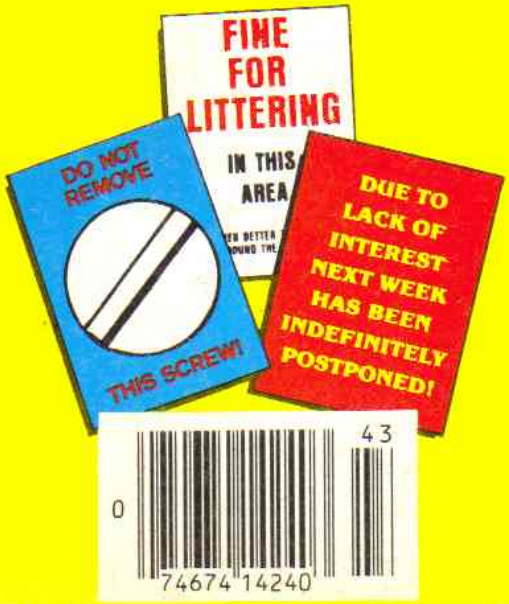


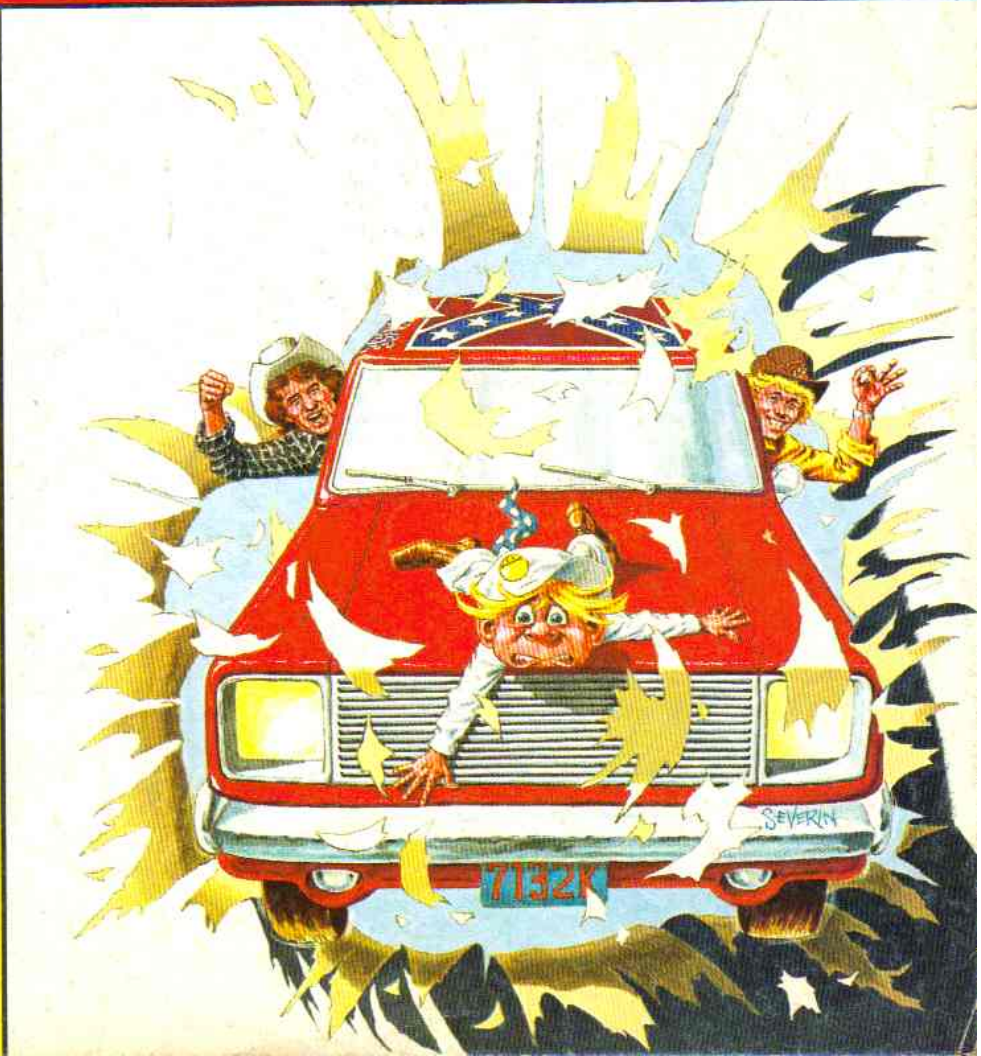

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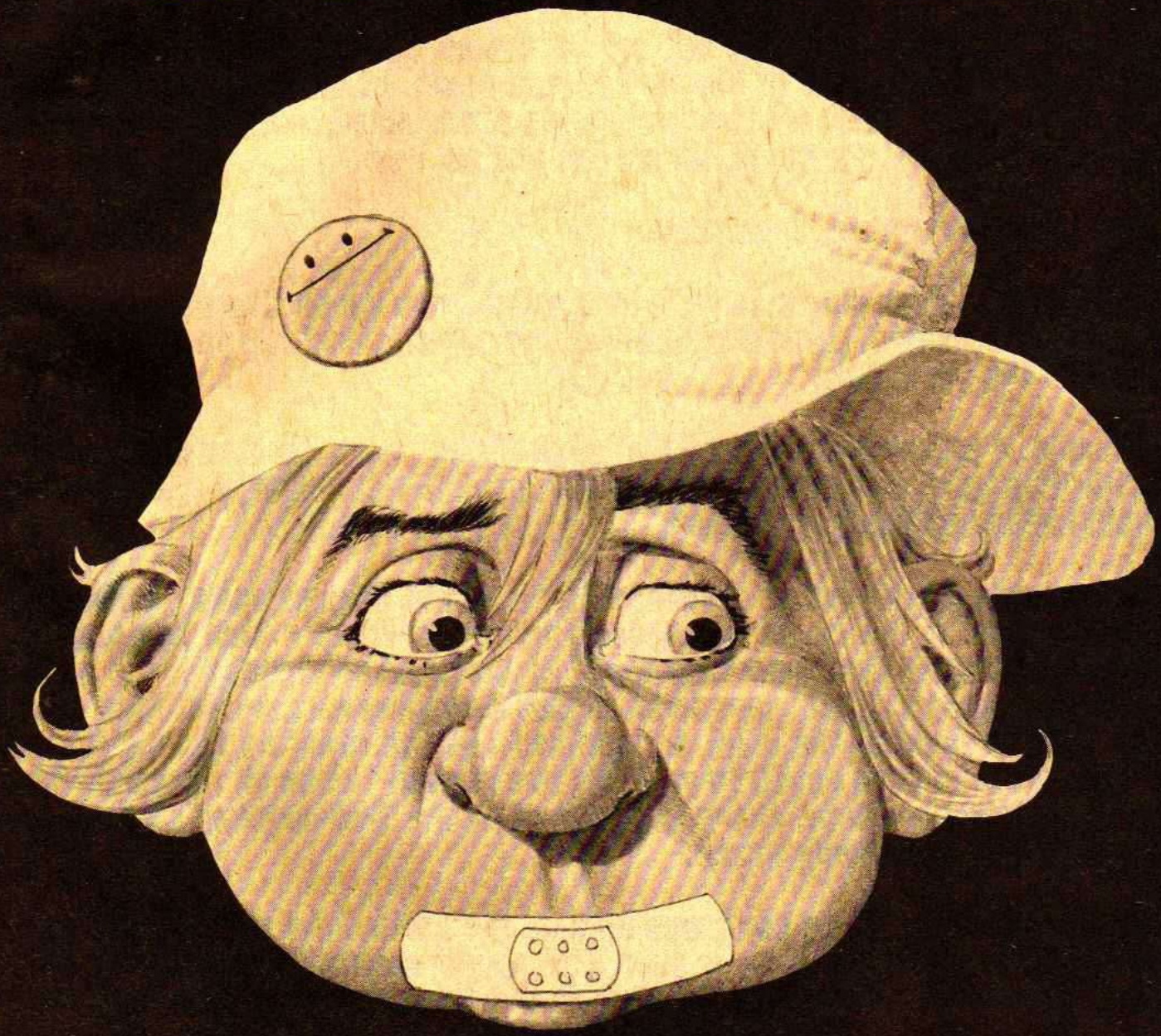

# CRACKED'S SHUT-UPS GAME

## RULES

Object—This game takes lots of concentration, a good memory, and a dash of "sense of humor." The idea is to match the first panel of a Shut-ups joke with the second. The game continues until all the Shut-ups are matched up.

Set up the game—Carefully cut out all the cards and shuffle them all together. Deal out a row of six cards, face down, leaving a small space between each card, deal out five more rows of six underneath the first row so you will have a rectangle of six across and six down.

You are now ready to begin play.

How to play—Each player takes a turn picking two cards. The cards marked "Shut" are the first panel of a shut-ups, the second panel will be on the "Ups" card of the same color.

Example: A player picks a card that says "Shut" in red he then picks a card with "Ups" on it also in red, if the cards complete a Shut-ups joke he removes both cards and holds on to them.

Whenever a player finds a complete Shut-ups joke, he goes again, picking two more cards. If the cards he chooses do not complete a Shut-ups gag, the cards get turned back over face down. As the game continues it is not necessary to choose a "Shut" card first. If you know where a certain "Shut" card (or a first panel of the joke) is, you may want to start by looking for the "Ups" card (second panel) first. The game is over when all the cards have been matched up. Note: There is a page of all the Shut-up jokes that you can check if any arguments occur.

How to win—The game continues until all the cards have been picked up by the players. When the game is over each player counts the number of "Shut-ups" jokes he has picked up. The person with the most cards wins the game.

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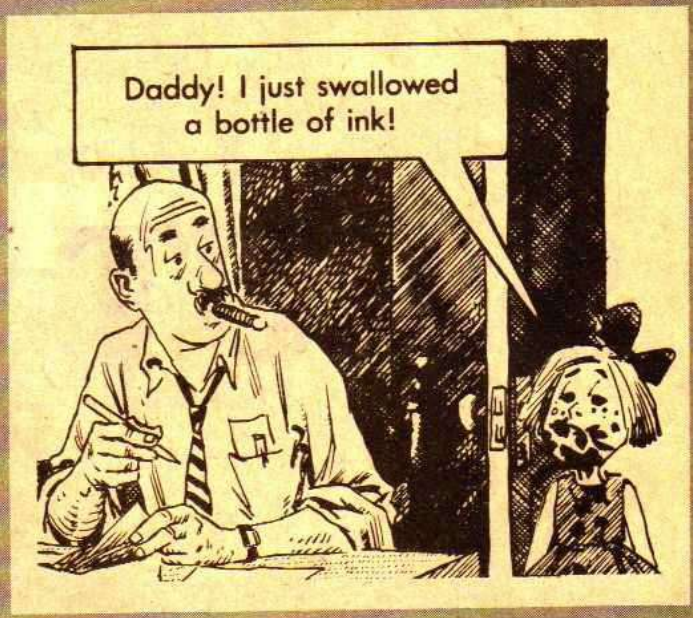
SHUT-UP! and swallow this blotter!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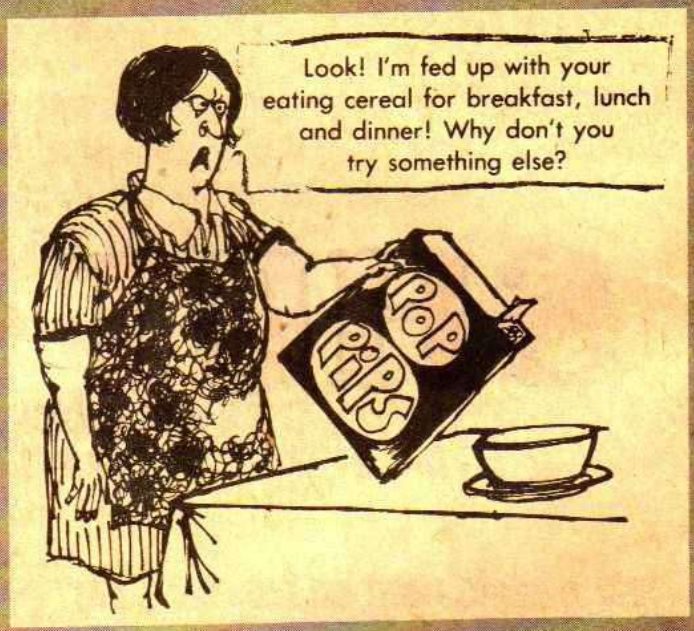
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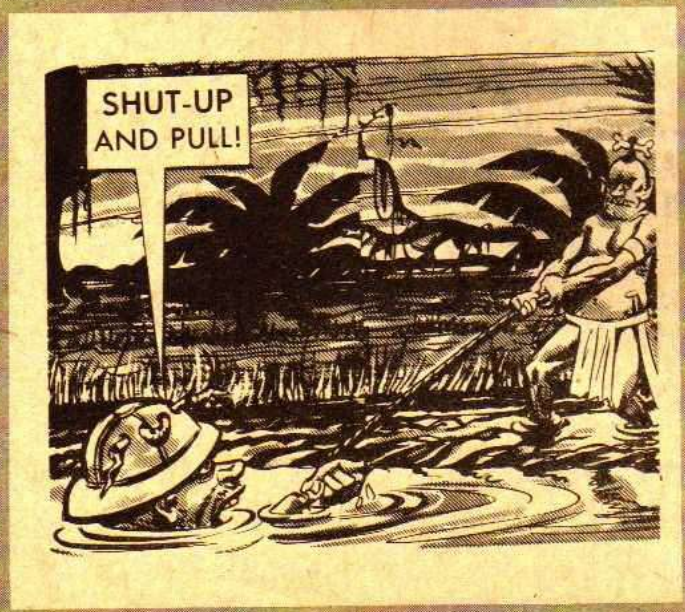
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Bwanna Jim! Why you no listen when I say I know jungle best?
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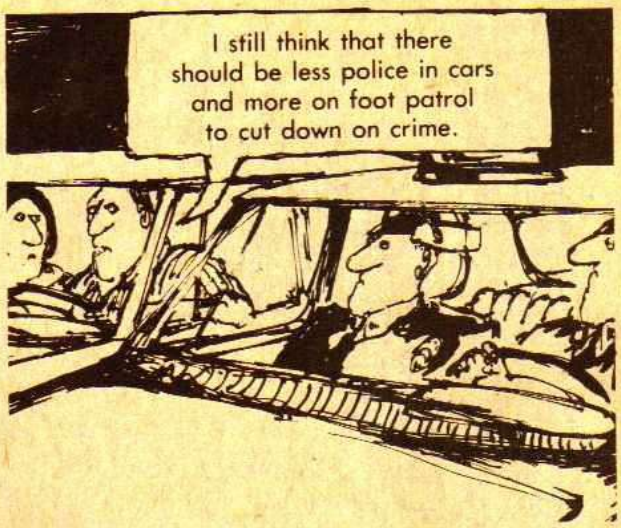
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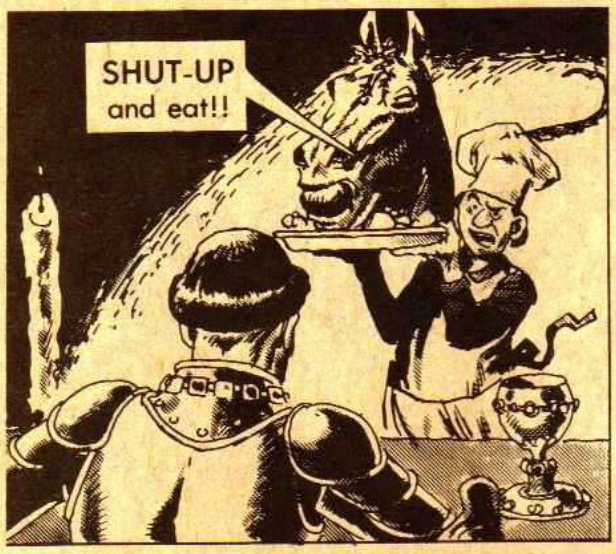
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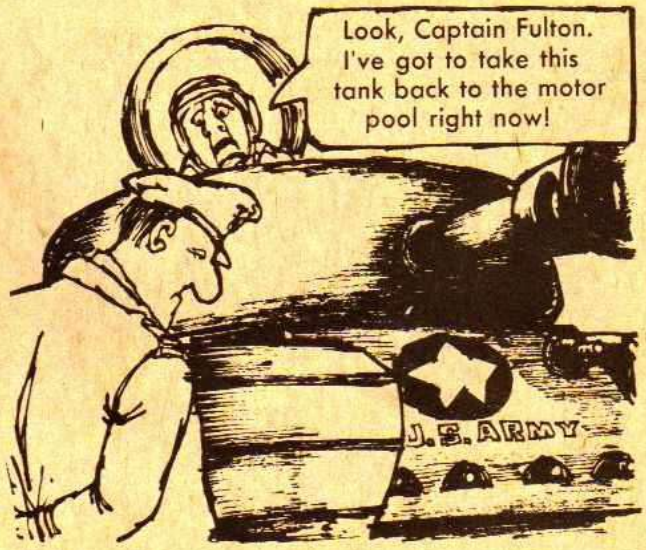
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U.S. ARMY

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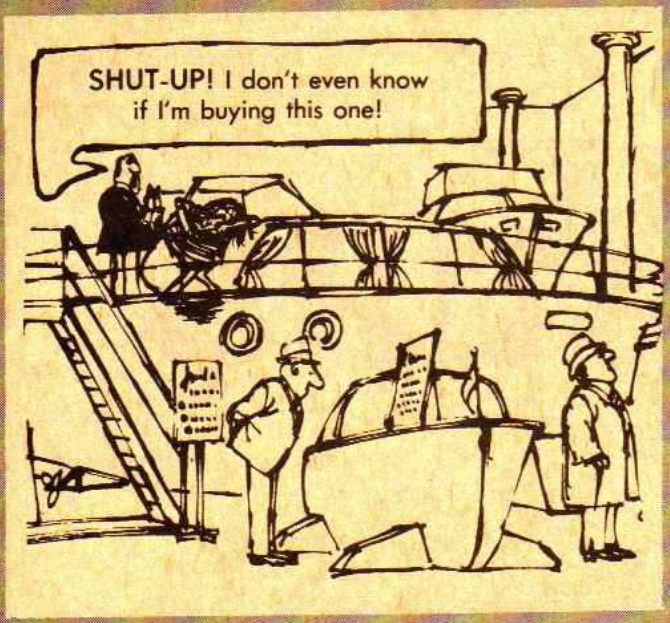
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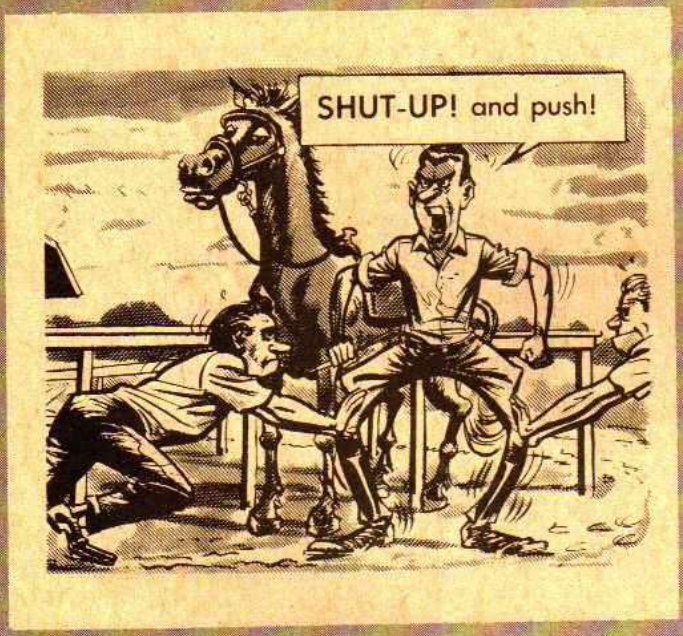
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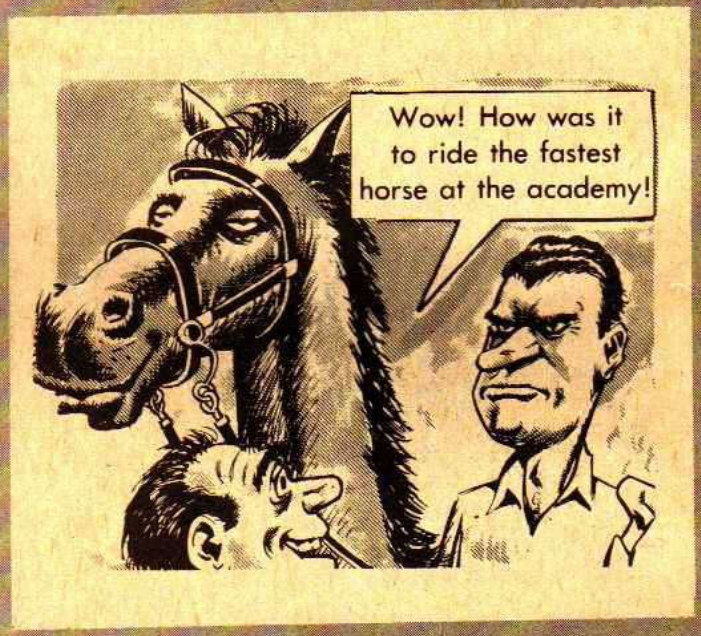
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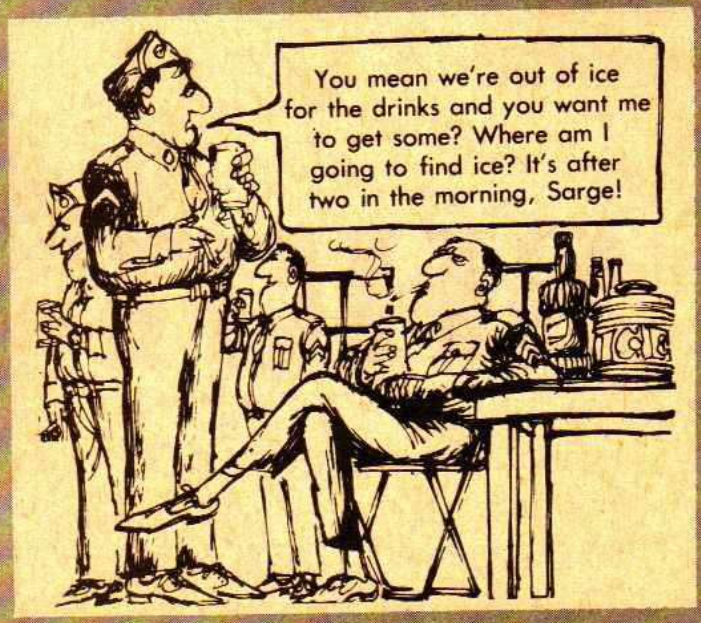
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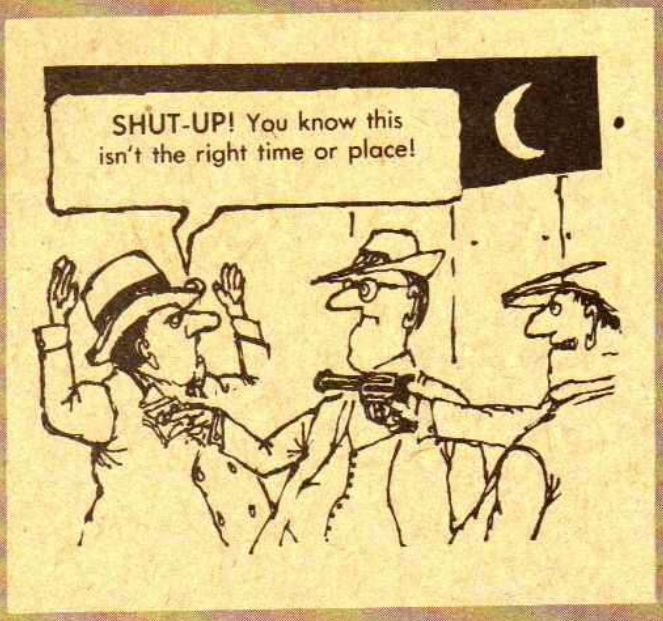
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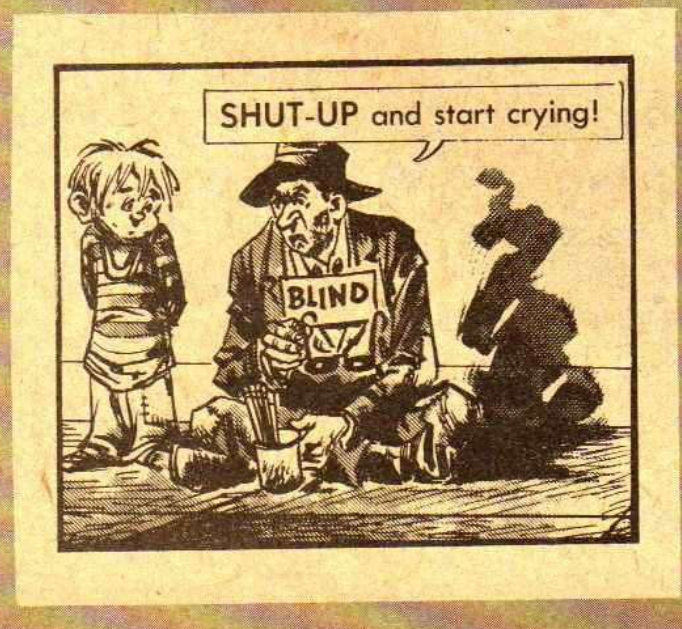
SHUT-UP and start crying!
BLIND

I feel good today, Daddy . . .
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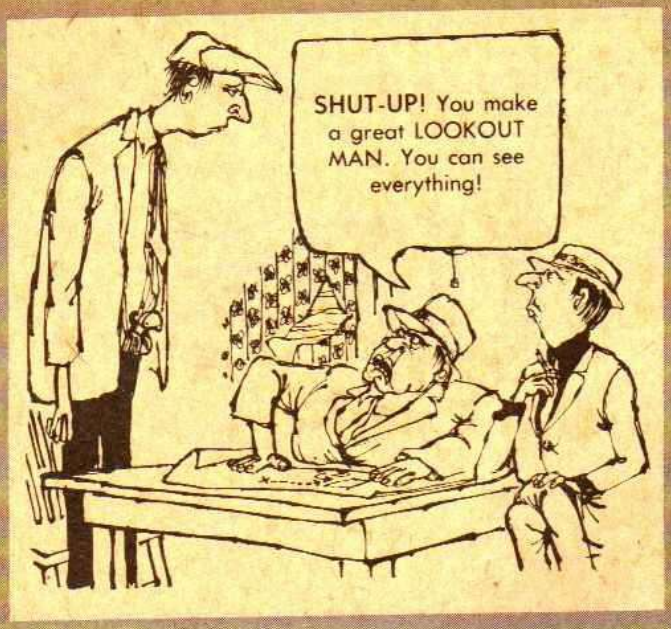
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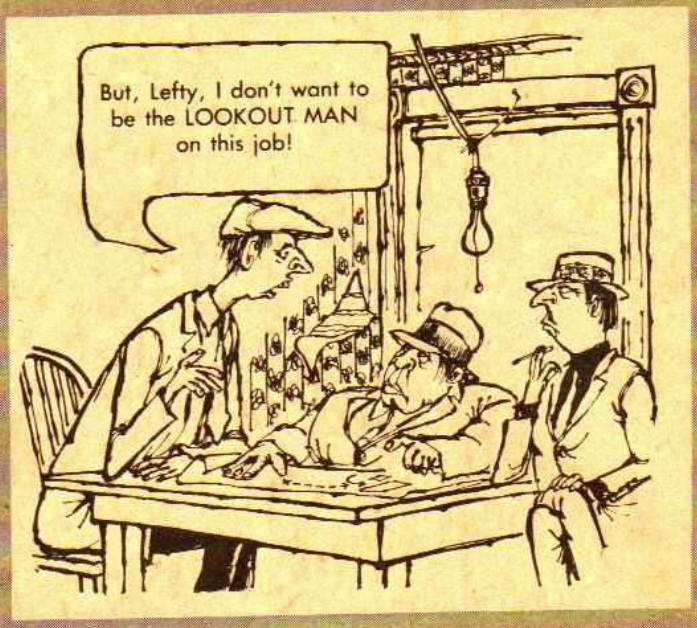
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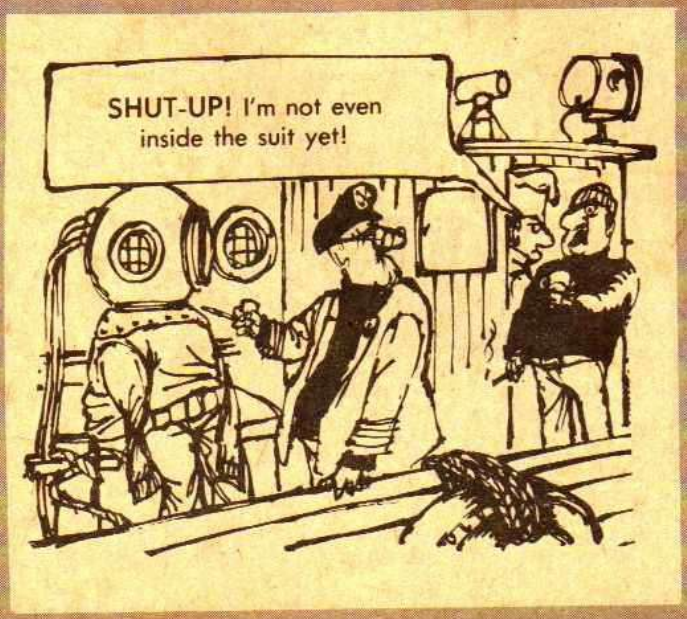
SHUT-UP and kiss us!

You're the most beautiful girl in the whole solar system.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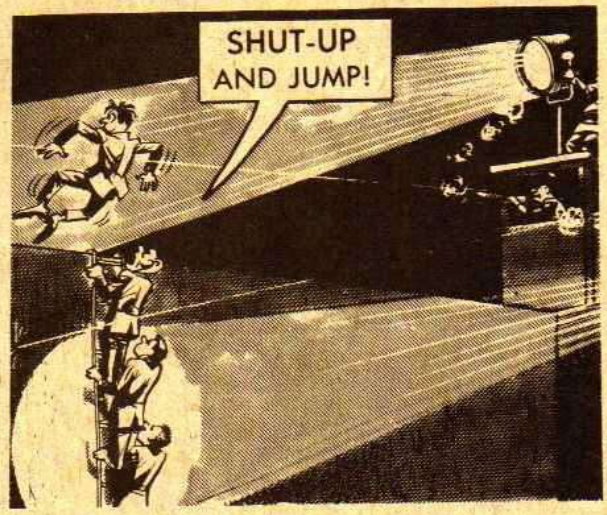
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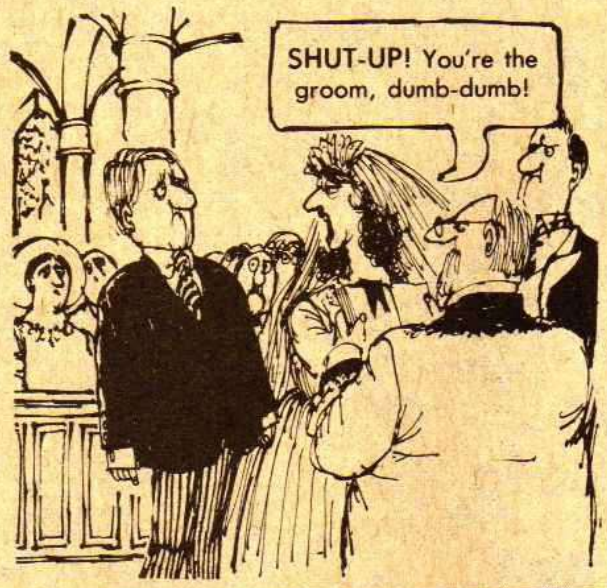
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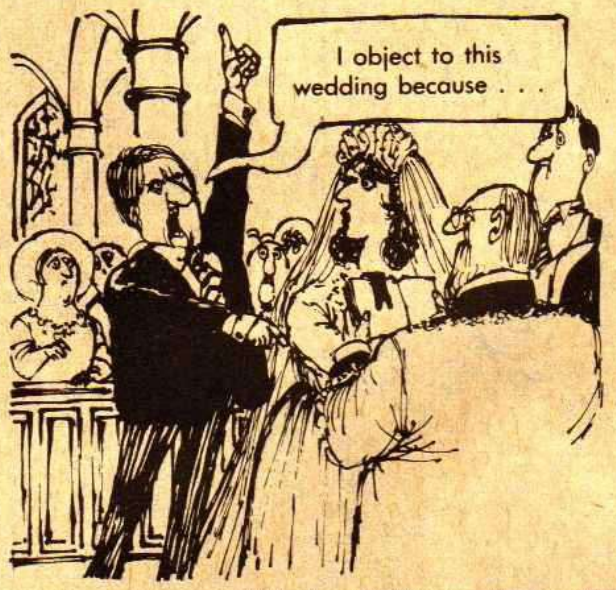
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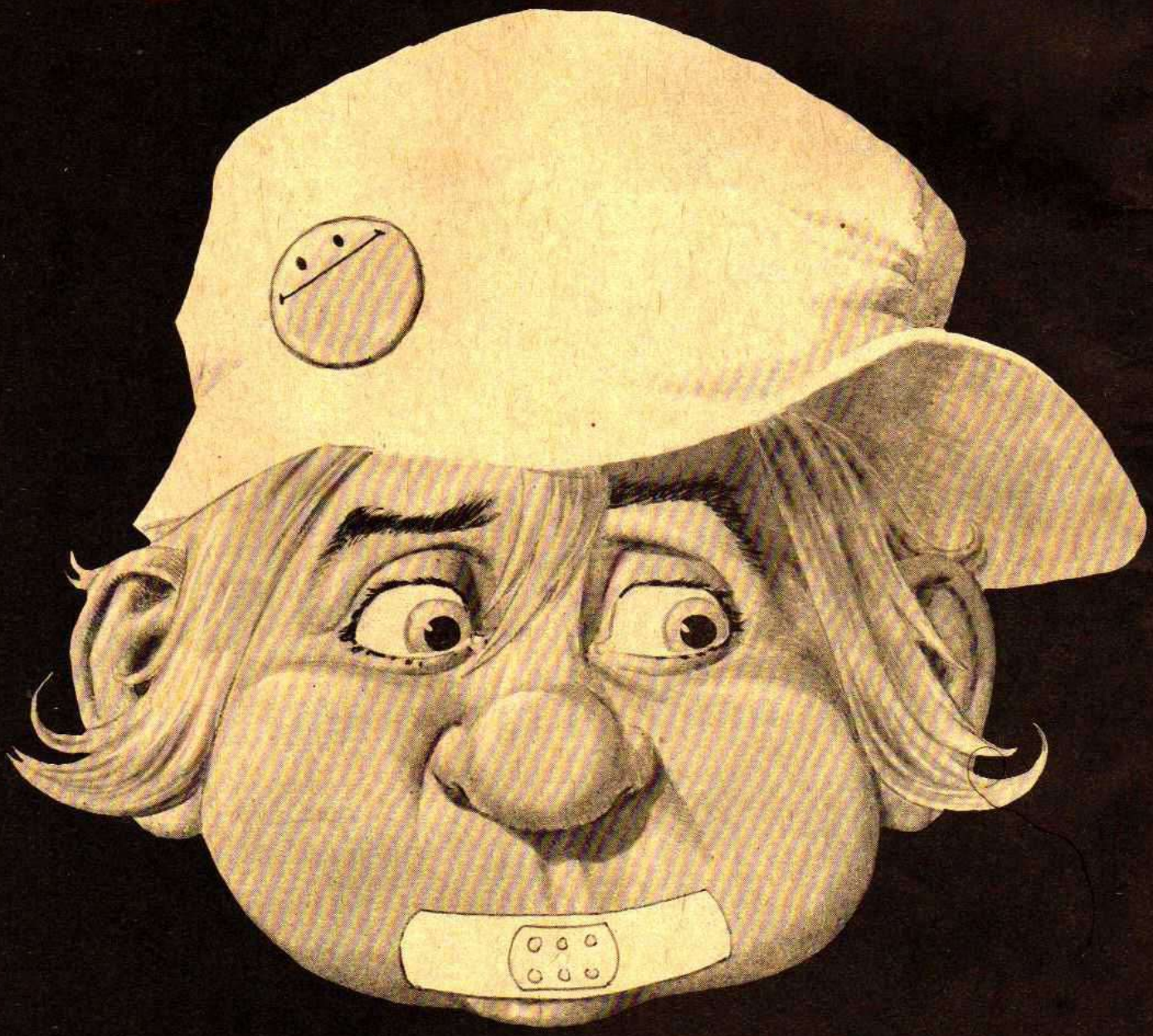

Well, here it is the start of another issue and, normally, the voice of **CRACKED** introduces the lead article. However, this time they're leaving it to me—the narrator of that extremely dumb, but popular **TV** series

# THE DORKS OF HAZZARDOUS

Now I want you all to **sit back** and enjoy this show in the proper way — with your **shoes off,** your **feet up** and your **brains locked away** in a box. Let's see now, where **were** we? Oh yeah, at the **beginning.** I mean, we could start in the middle and it would make just as much **sense** (seein' how great our plots are), but we gotta fill an hour's worth of air time, so...It was a typical morning—

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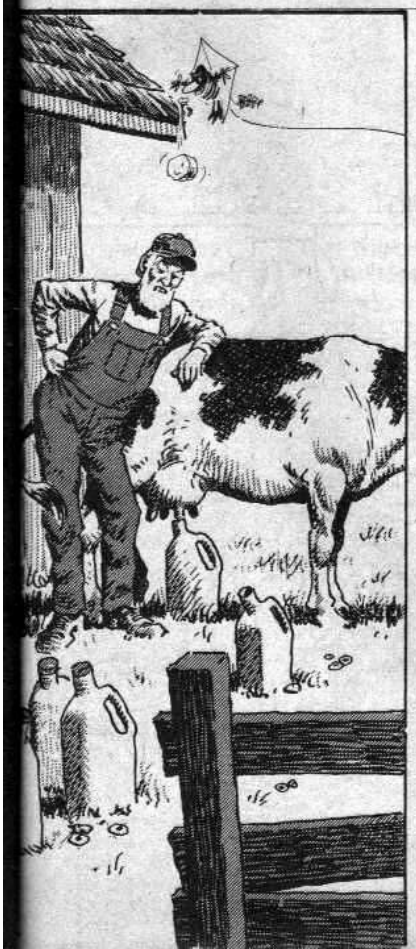
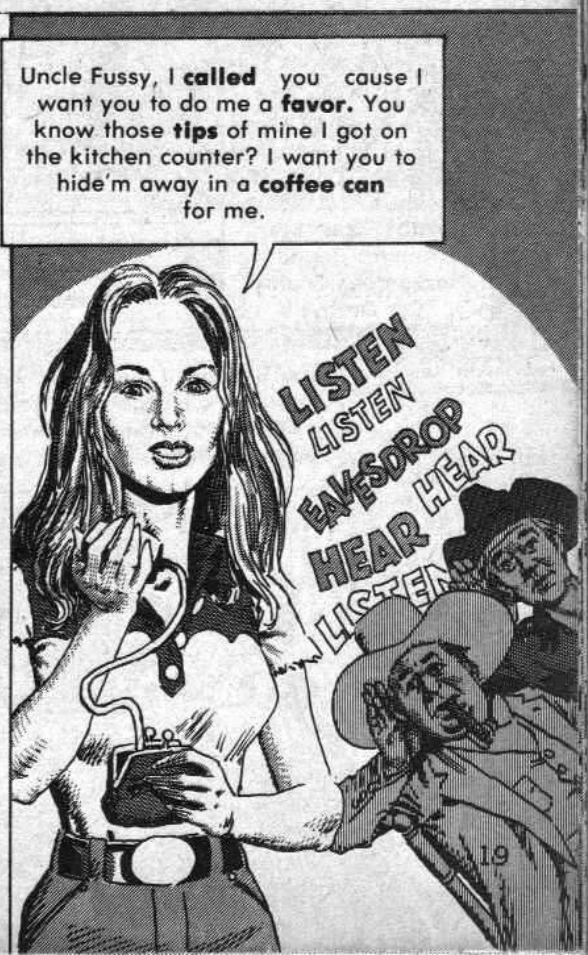
Uncle Fussy was milkin' the cows...



...and Boo and Cuke, needin' some cubes for their secret ice water recipe, had taken a **short** drive to get some...

...and over at the "Bore's Nest," Bossy Hog was a **eavesdropping** in on one of Dizzy Dork's CB conversations.



Yeah, put 'em in the **fridge.** I don't want Boo and Cuke gettin' at 'em... Yeah, I know it's a lot of tips, but if you cover 'em up, no one will even **know** they're **there.** Well, look, I gotta run... No, I **didn't** have too much prune puddin' for breakfast. I gotta run cause I gotta get back to **work.** See ya later.
OOOOOOOOPS!
WEASELS MAY BE NOISEY... BUT THEY DO **NOT** POP!
Did you hear **that** Rascal? That's **amazing!**
What? That she's able to keep a great **big CB** like that in that **itty bitty purse?**
No, you crow brain! That she's been **savin'** all her waitressing **tips.** Why, do you know how much **money** she must have!?!
At **least** 18¢! That's what I left her when I ate here last night.
You know, technically, that money is **mine?**
It **is?**
You're a sheriff. Don't you know the **law?** She made that money servin' **my** food, so it should be **my** money. But how to get it?
BE AMERICAN! LITTER!
You could ask her to **give** it to you.
Good idea. We'll **steal** it.
I **didn't** say steal.
Well, I sort of took the **gist** of what you said and adapted it more to my **likin'.** But how? I gotta find **some way** to get all them Dorks **out** of the house, so I can search the fridge for the money.
Wait! "The 13th Annual 'Round Hazzardous County Car Derby!"
13th annual?! I must've **missed** the other **12** cause I don't remember any such event.
That's cause it ain't never been **run** until now. I'll **con** them Dorks into enterin' and **then,** when they're **racing, sneak in** and get Dizzy's tips.
NEH! NEH! NEH! NEH!
TRY HOG'S FAMOUS PIG IN A BLANKET
Why, that's **downright lowdown** and **deceitful.**
Yeah, it is a **pretty good plan, ain't** it.
BORE'S NEST
EATS
INKS
MOST HIPPOPATAMI ARE · WELL ABOVE AVERAGE!

And so Bossy Hog and Sheriff Coaltrain set out to con the Dorks into entering the race. Now, I know you just read that, but if I waited to say something **meaningful,** you'd plum never hear from me **again.**

Afternoon.

To what do we owe the honor of your fat little footsteps on our land?

Me and the Sheriff just popped by to see if you and Boo were a **enterin'** the "13th Annual 'Round Hazzardous County Car Derby?"

13TH ANNUAL?... I MUST'VE MISSED THE OTHER 12!

I never **heard** of any such race. Why should **we** bother entering and...

First prize is a **crisp seven-dollar** bill.

**$7! Golly!** We win **that** and we'd have enough to buy General Flee that new **ashtray dustcover.**

But, Boo. It would take **$80** in gas to **run** that race.

So?

You'd be **losing** money. Simple economics.

I don't care about economics, Uncle Fussy. I just want the **$7.** Where do I **sign up?**

Now **hold** on a second. Tomorrow, you promised to help me deliver these here **chickens** to market.

Darn! You're right.

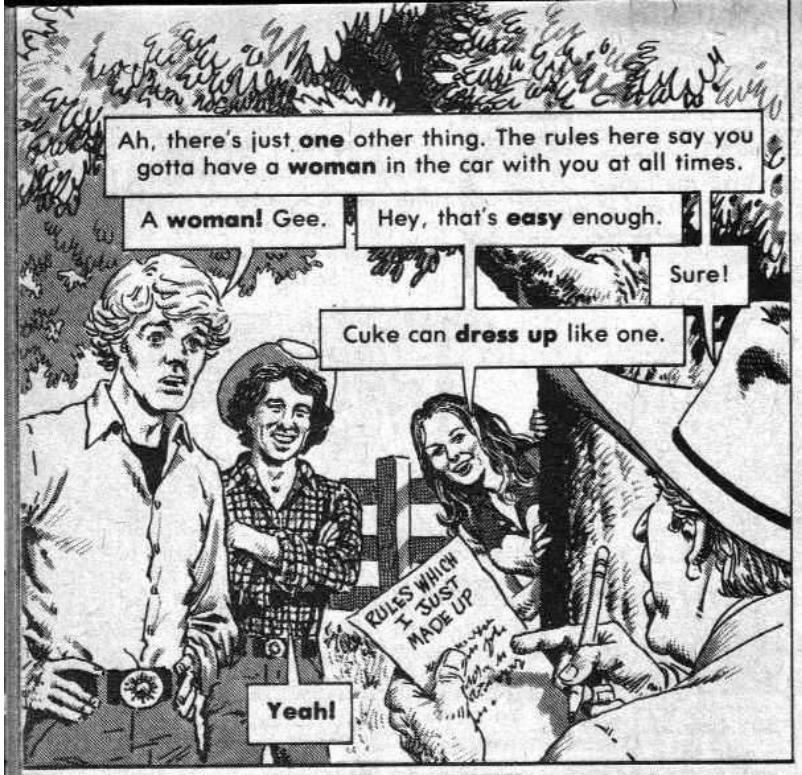
Hey! Why couldn't we just drop **you** and the **chickens** off during the race?

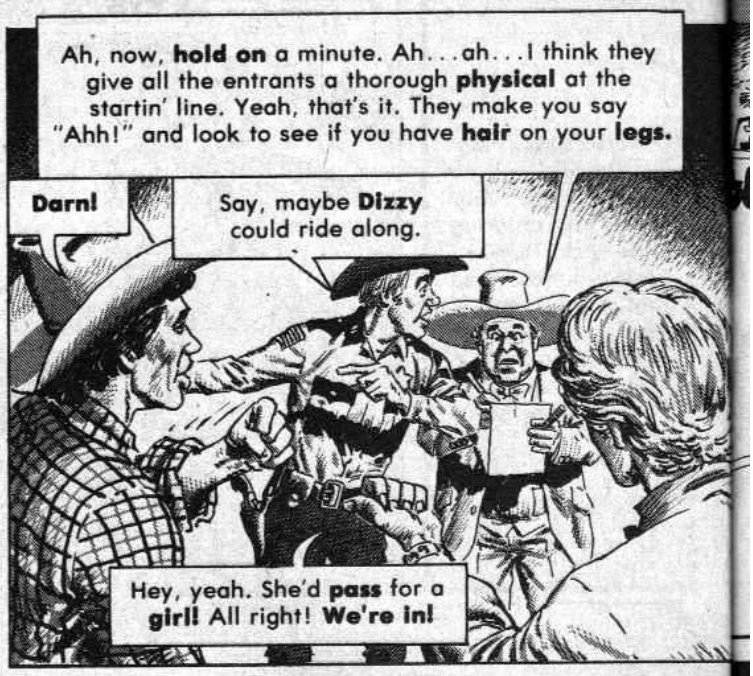
**Yeah!**

SNAP!

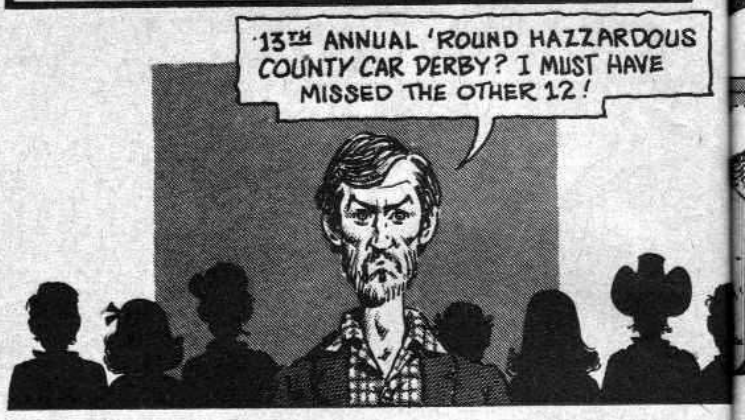
Well, that gets **3** of them Dorks out of the house, but what about **Dizzy?**

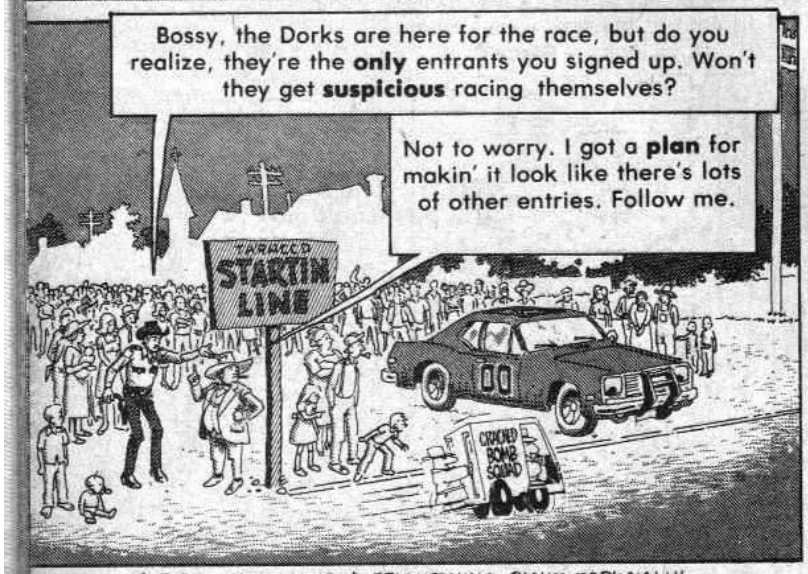
I'm a **workin'** on it... Hmmm.

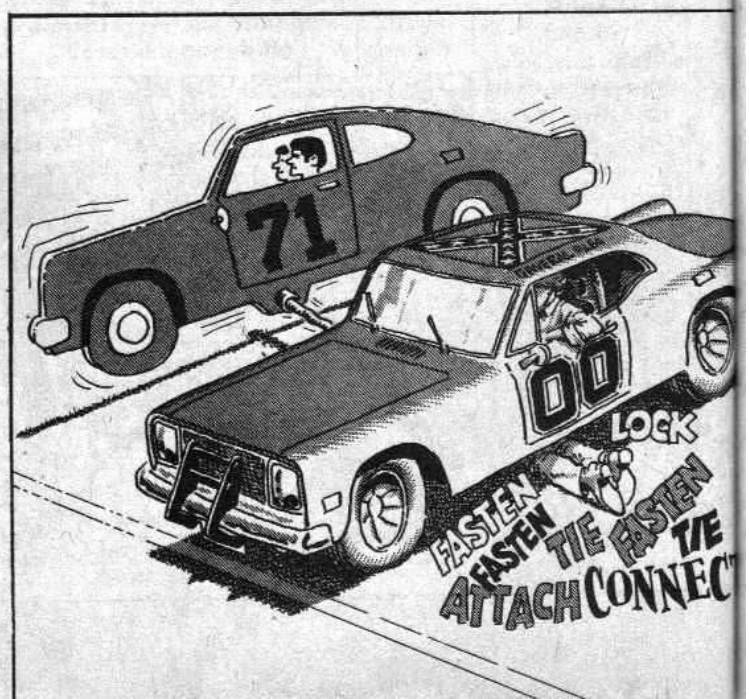


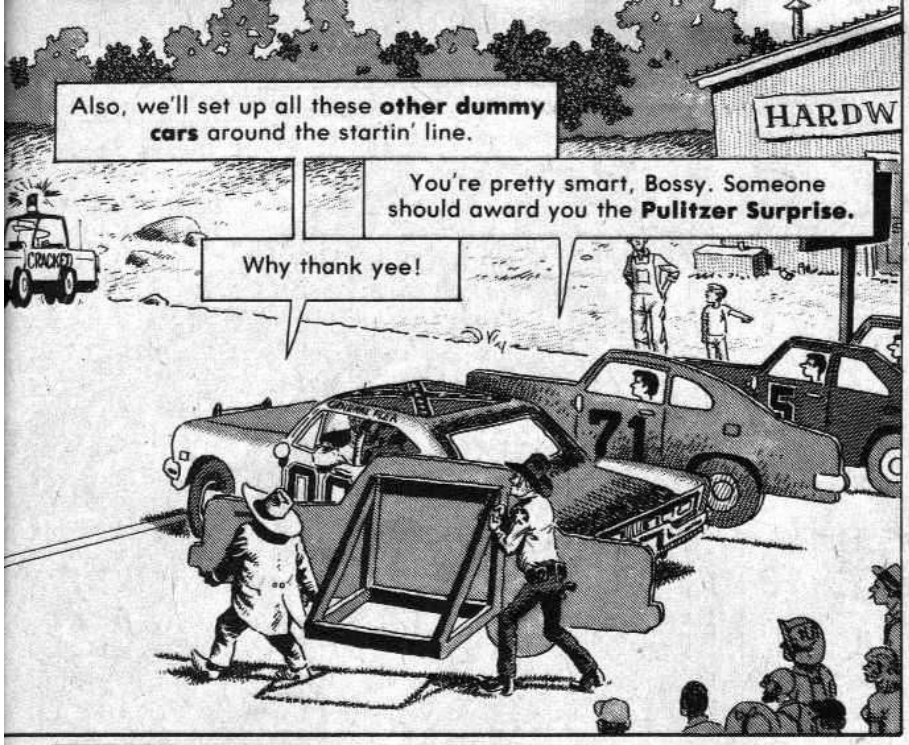
Now normally, this is where we break for a commercial. However, at this point, we don't want to do anything **entertaining** to get in the way of our story, so we'll just move along.
The day of the big race arrived and everyone lined up at the starting point.

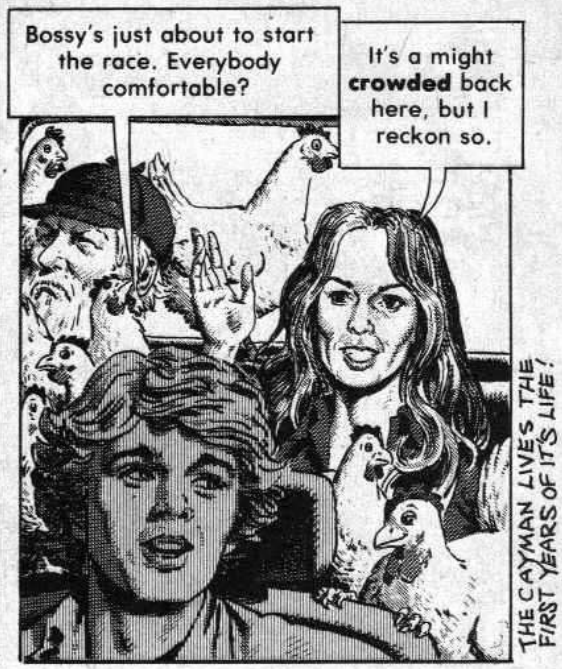


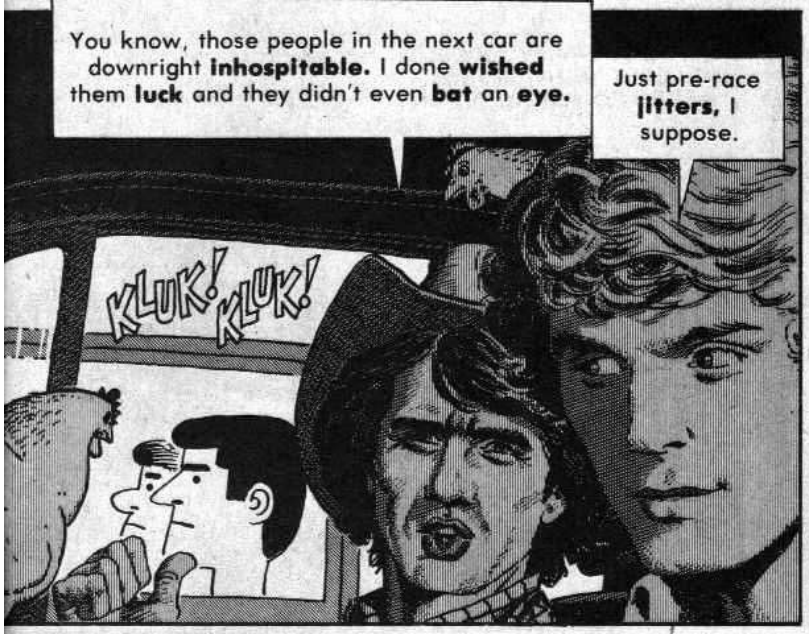



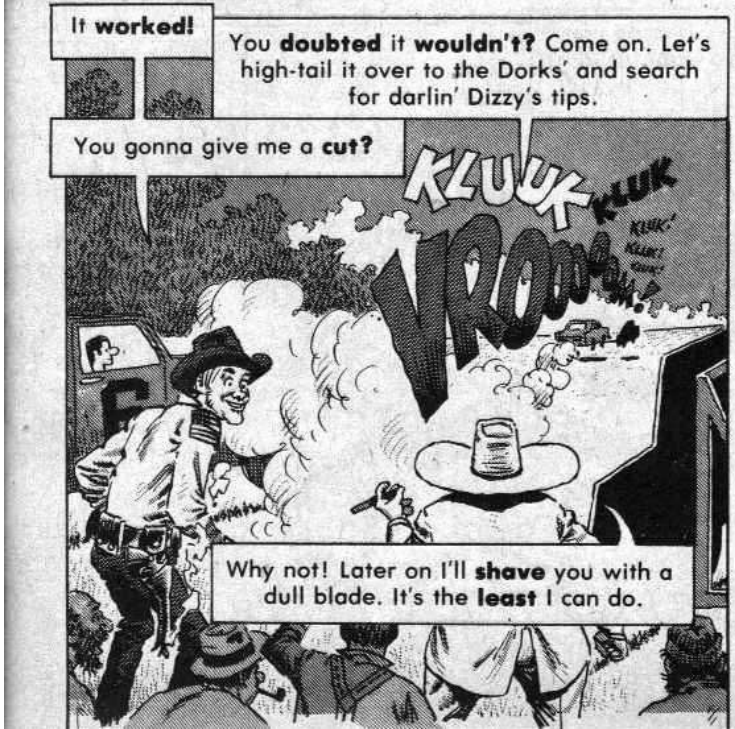

THE GIANT CLAM IS A FRIGHTENING SIGHT, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE CLAMS!
S.P. SMYTHE

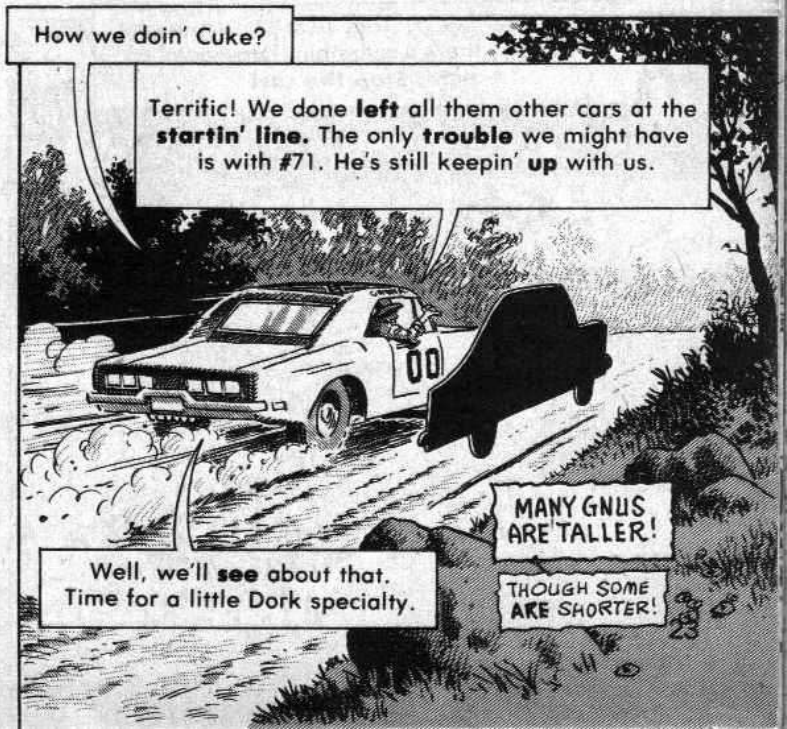

Also, we'll set up all these **other dummy cars** around the startin' line.
HARDW
You're pretty smart, Bossy. Someone should award you the **Pulitzer Surprise.**
Why thank yee!
CRACKED
71
5


Bossy's just about to start the race. Everybody comfortable?
It's a might **crowded** back here, but I reckon so.
THE CAYMAN LIVES THE FIRST YEARS OF IT'S LIFE!

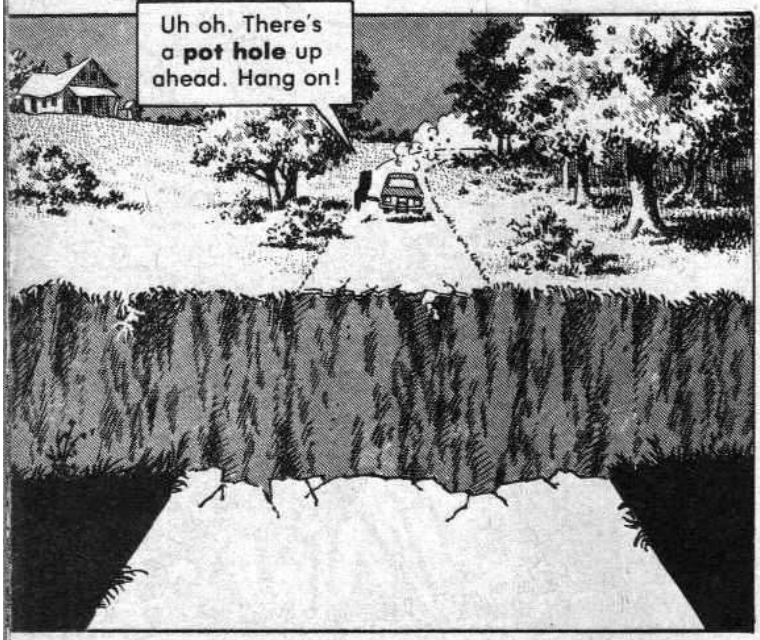

You know, those people in the next car are downright **inhospitable.** I done **wished** them **luck** and they didn't even **bat** an **eye.**
Just pre-race **jitters,** I suppose.
KLUK! KLUK!

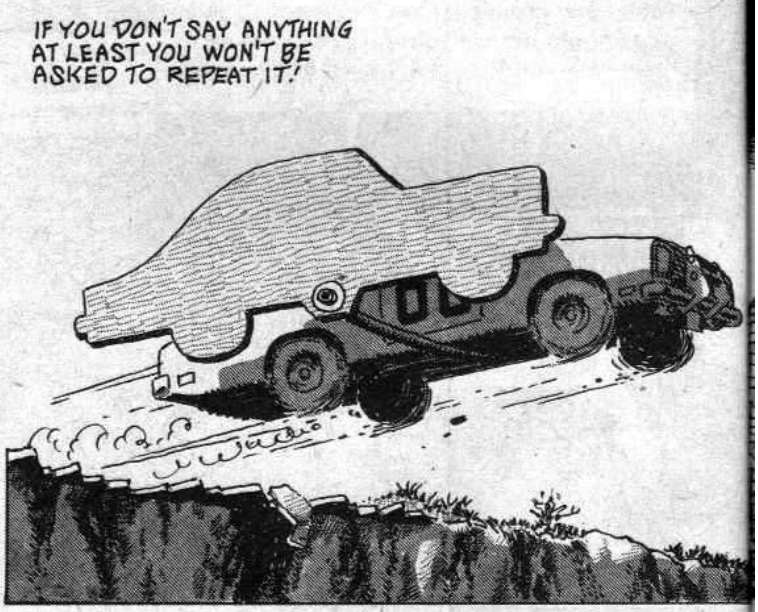
I need a startin' gun . . . oh good. On your **mark.** Get **set! GO!!**
EEEK!
BLAM!


It **worked!**
You **doubted** it **wouldn't?** Come on. Let's high-tail it over to the Dorks' and search for darlin' Dizzy's tips.
You gonna give me a **cut?**
KLUUK
KLUK
VROOM
Why not! Later on I'll **shave** you with a dull blade. It's the **least** I can do.


How we doin' Cuke?
Terrific! We done **left** all them other cars at the **startin' line.** The only **trouble** we might have is with #71. He's still keepin' **up** with us.
MANY GNUS ARE TALLER!
THOUGH SOME ARE SHORTER!
Well, we'll **see** about that. Time for a little Dork specialty.

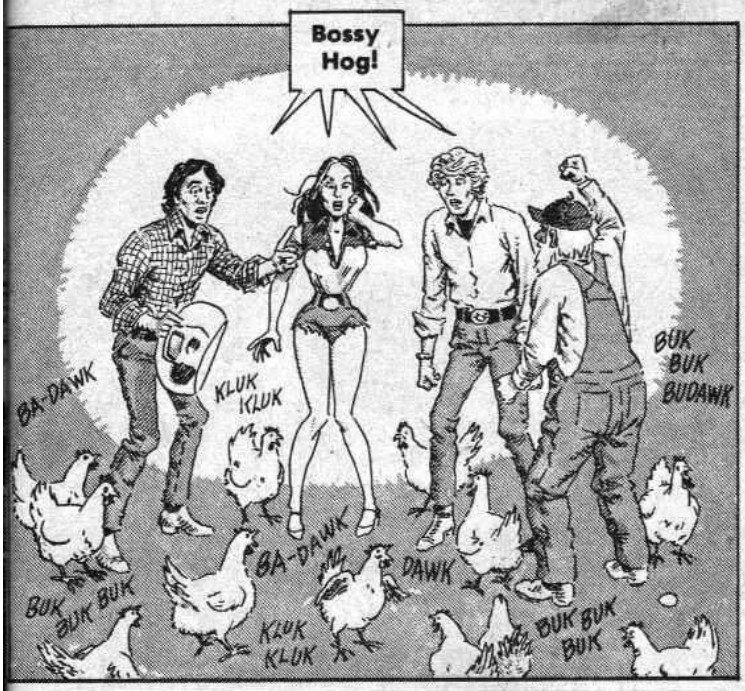
Amazing! We're up on **2 tires** and yet them guys are still there.
They **are** good drivers.


Uh oh. There's a **pot hole** up ahead. Hang on!


IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT LEAST YOU WON'T BE ASKED TO REPEAT IT!

I don't believe it! They're **still** next to us. You know, there's somethin' **fishy** goin' on here. **Stop the car!**
KRUMP!

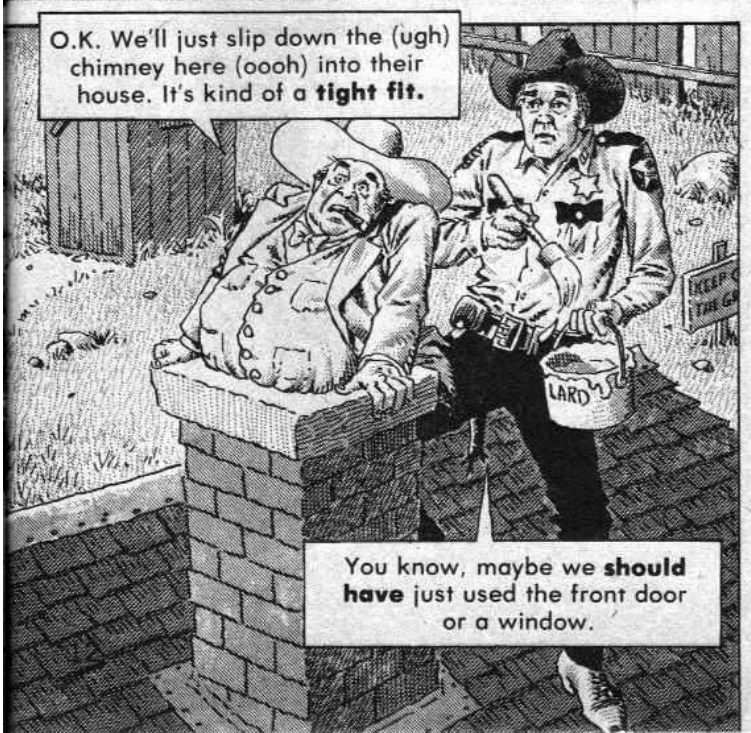
Would you **look** at that. Cardboard!
You mean, that ain't no **real** car? We done been **tricked!!**
But by **who?**
RRRRIP

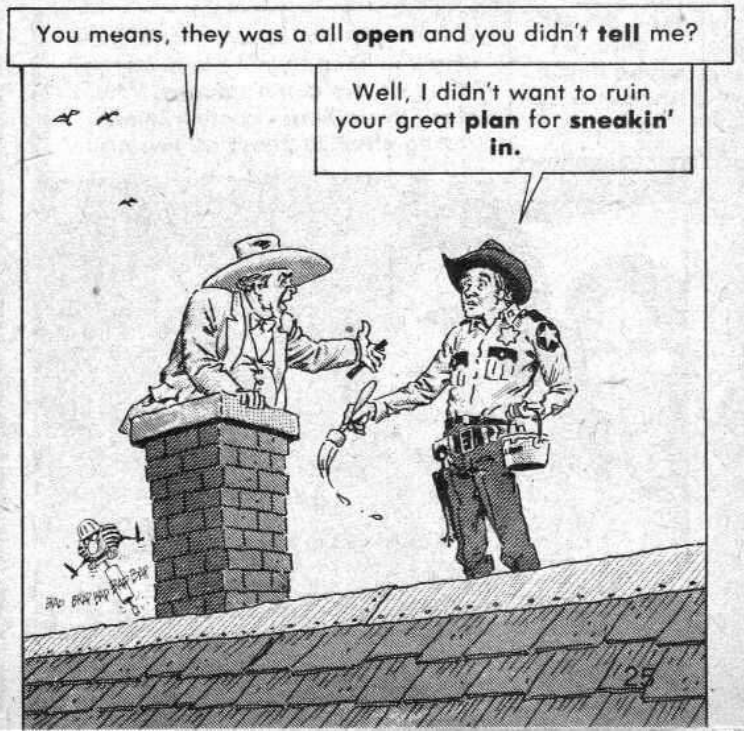

Bossy Hog!
BA-DAWK
KLUK KLUK
BUK BUK BUDAWK
BA-DAWK
DAWK
BUK BUK BUK
KLUK KLUK
BUK BUK BUK

And I **bet** I know **why.** He's after my **tips!** He was eavesdropping on my CB conversation to Uncle Fussy.
What makes you say **that?**
SNAP

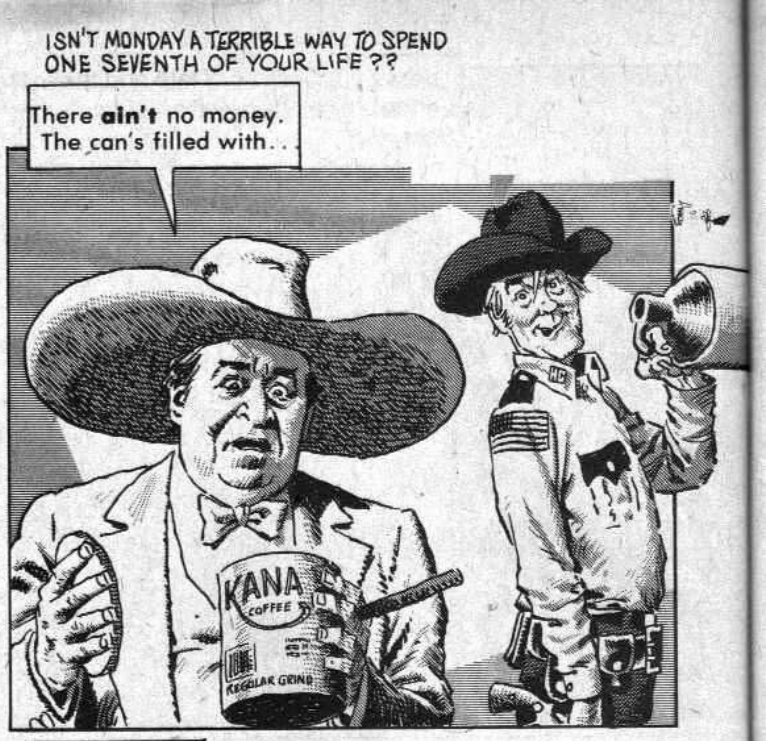
Well, air comes rushing past my vocal cords, vibrating them and then my lips form these words that...
**Skip it.** Let's just get **back** to the **farm** before we're too late.
LET'S CROSS THE ROAD AGAIN!
WHY?
HOW WE ARE ABLE TO SPEAK
DR. I. TAWKALOTT

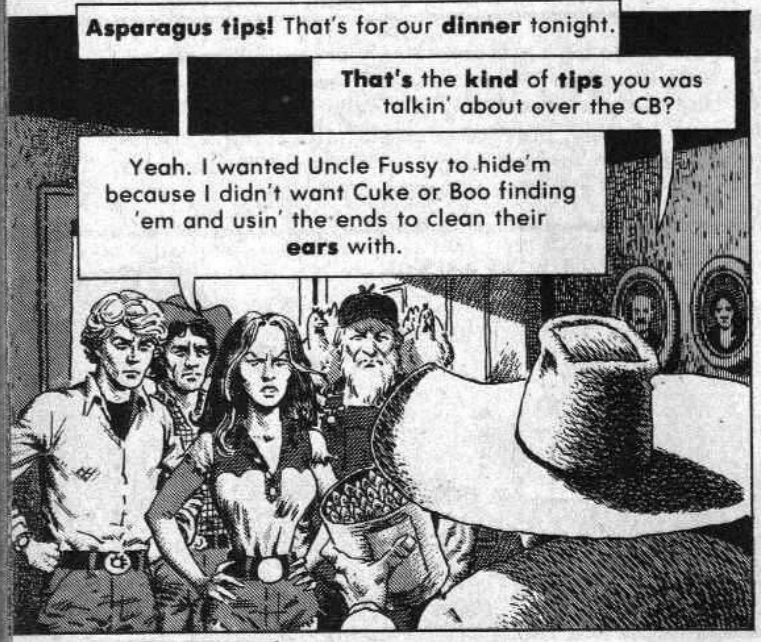
Yes, the race was now really on, only it **wasn't** between cars—it was between the Dorks and Bossy. Like this narration? Really stimulatin' and intelligent, ain't it? Well, prepare yourself because here comes **another** award winning line. Ready?—**Meanwhile, back at the Dork's farm—**
REMEMBER: ALWAYS WALK ON THE RIGHT, FACING TRAFFIC!

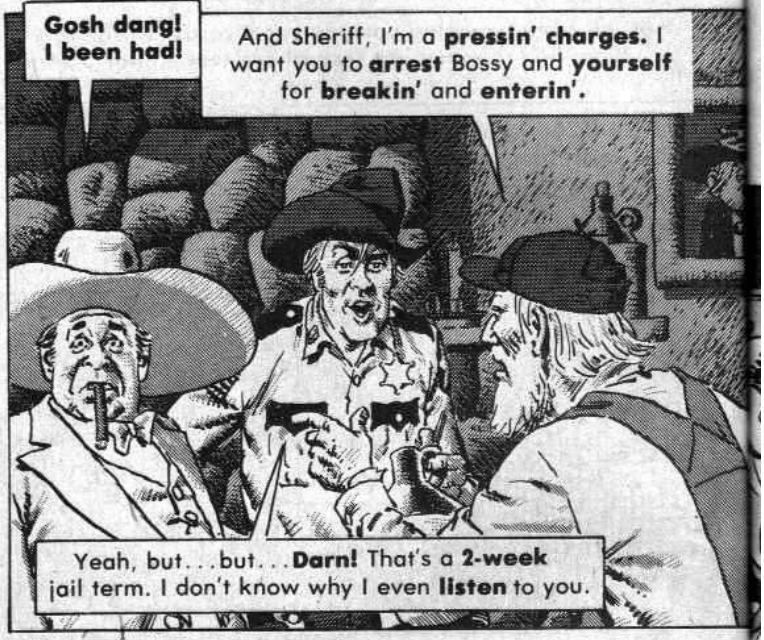

O.K. We'll just slip down the (ugh) chimney here (oooh) into their house. It's kind of a **tight fit.**
LARD
You know, maybe we **should have** just used the front door or a window.

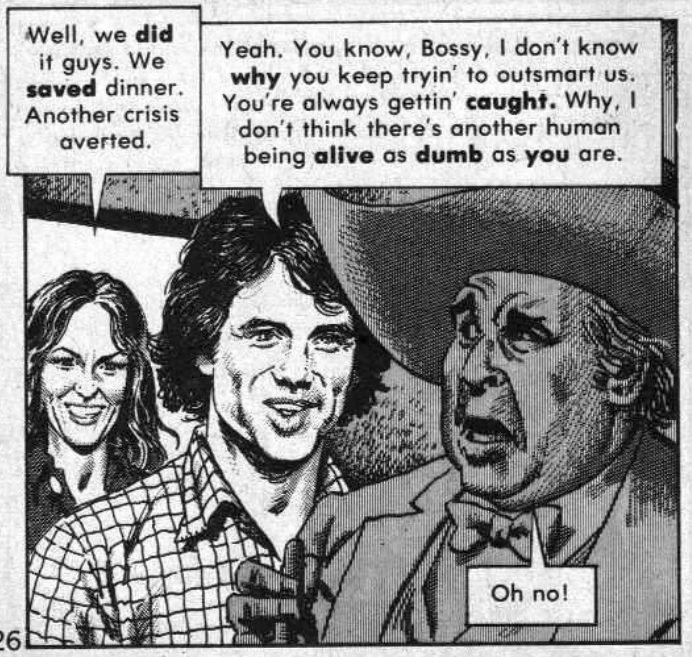

You means, they was a all **open** and you didn't **tell** me?
Well, I didn't want to ruin your great **plan** for **sneakin' in.**

I heard her say they was in a coffee can...there it is...next to the radish whip.


ISN'T MONDAY A TERRIBLE WAY TO SPEND ONE SEVENTH OF YOUR LIFE ??
There **ain't** no money. The can's filled with..
KANA COFFEE
REGULAR GRIND


**Asparagus tips!** That's for our **dinner** tonight.
**That's** the **kind** of **tips** you was talkin' about over the CB?
Yeah. I wanted Uncle Fussy to hide'm because I didn't want Cuke or Boo finding 'em and usin' the ends to clean their **ears** with.


**Gosh dang! I been had!**
And Sheriff, I'm a **pressin' charges.** I want you to **arrest** Bossy and **yourself** for **breakin'** and **enterin'.**
Yeah, but...but...**Darn!** That's a **2-week** jail term. I don't know why I even **listen** to you.


Well, we **did** it guys. We **saved** dinner. Another crisis averted.
Yeah. You know, Bossy, I don't know **why** you keep tryin' to outsmart us. You're always gettin' **caught.** Why, I don't think there's another human being **alive** as **dumb** as **you** are.
Oh no!

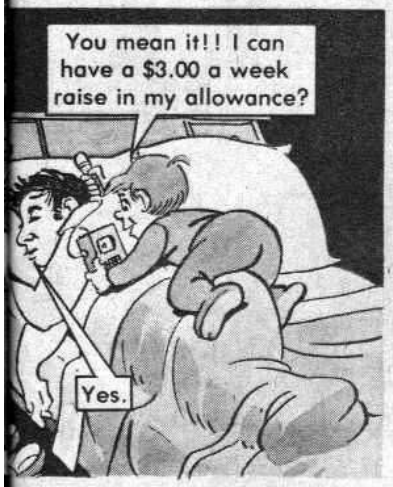
I can think of about 40 million others.
When he's **right,** he's **right!**
Wanna watch "The Dorks" tonight?
Nº83
TH'END
CONTINUED NEXT TIME!

The world has been having its problems of late and the more you listen to the news, the more likely you are to become depressed. But, take heart. No matter who's fighting where or what the price of a barrel of cod liver oil is, we'd like to give you some every day reasons to smile, laugh and feel just plain good as we unleash

# CRACKED'S REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

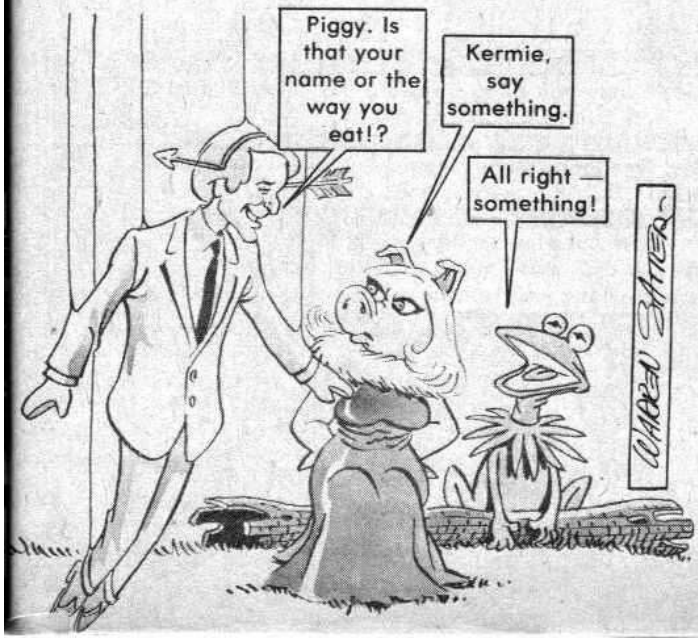
**Having a full tank right before another week-long gas shortage begins.**

**The word "yes".**




**And even sometimes, the word "no".**

**Miss Piggy and Kermit**




**Certain strikes**

**Flowers**

**A parking spot in front of the store you're heading for.**

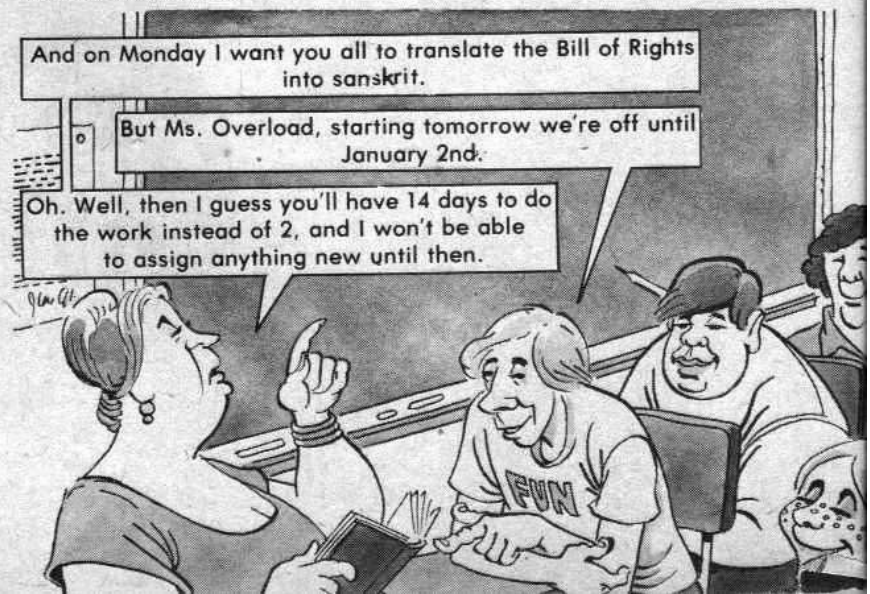
**Summer vacations.**

**Ice on a hot day.**

**Friday, 5 P.M.**

**Getting quarterly interest recorded at a bank.**

**Winter vacations.**



The arrival of good news.

The end of Monday night football until next fall.

Scoring the winning basket in a tied up game.

Good friends.

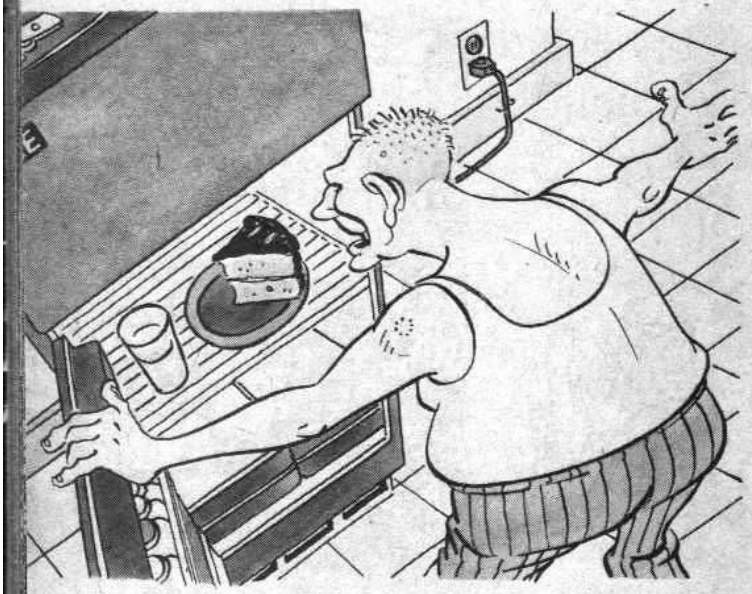
Being loved.

Mork

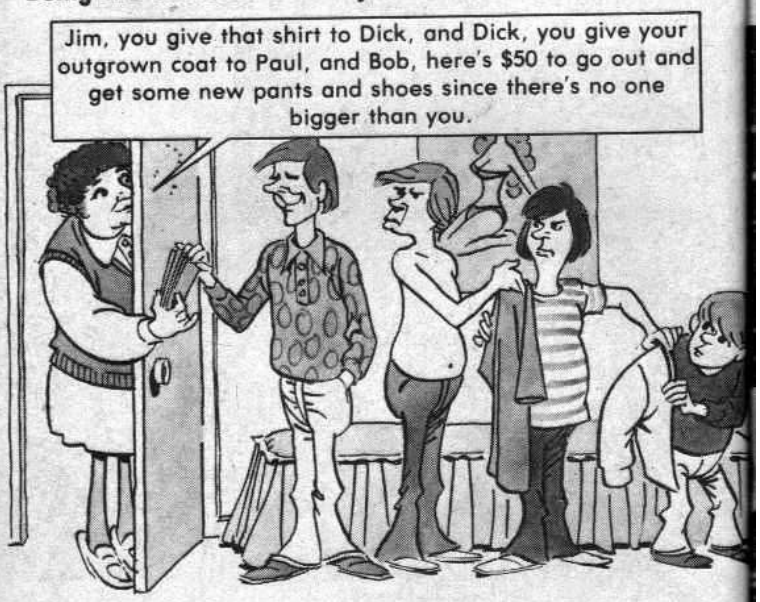
Getting 210,000 on the Captain Fantastic Pinball Machine.

Watching a 2-year-old eat his first hot fudge sundae.

Starving, going to your empty fridge and finding a glass of milk and one last piece of black forest cherry cake.



Being the oldest in a family of 10.




Puppies

The arrival of a major snowstorm the day you buy your skis.

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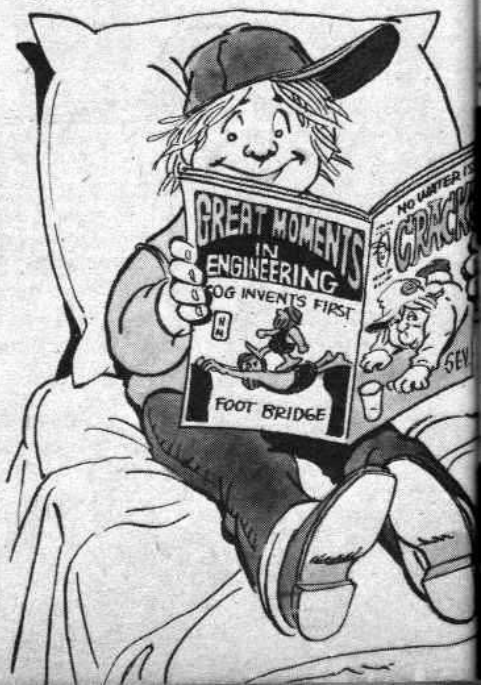
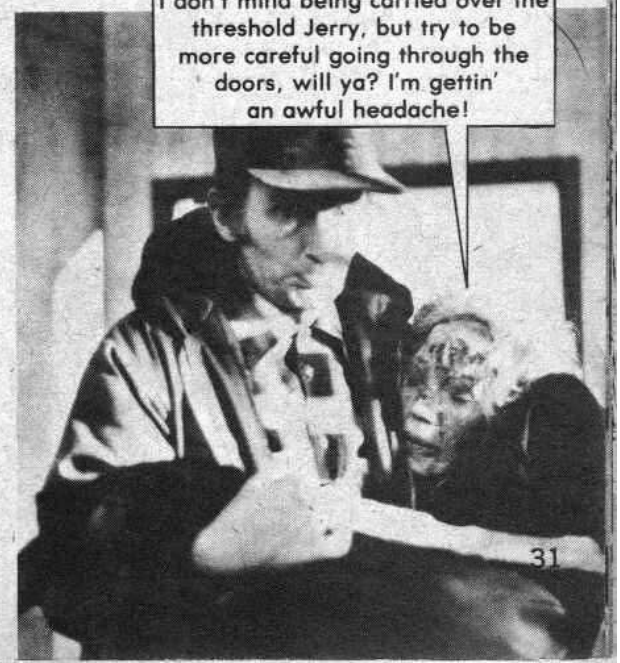


ABSOLUTELY, UNQUESTIONABLY, POSITIVELY, UNDENIABLY, THE VERY, VERY, LAST OF

# THE CRACKED LENS

***(and we really mean it this time!)***

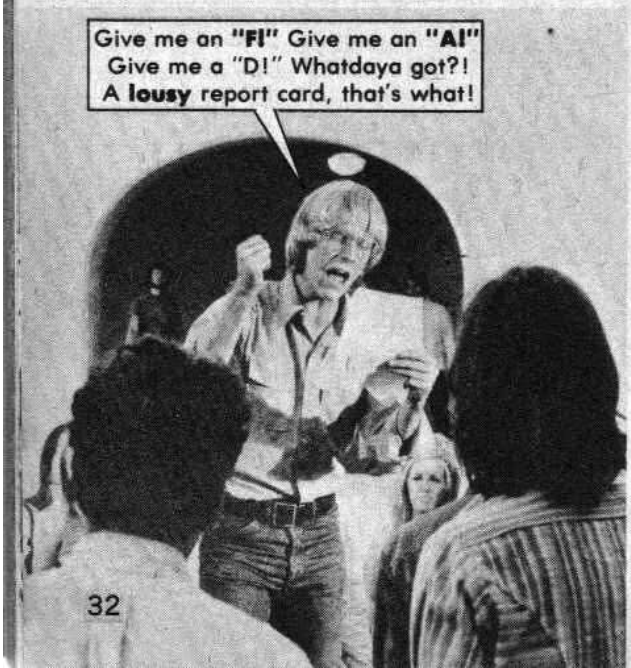


I don't understand. I haven't **caught** a **fish** all day!
Papagayo
ACAPULCO, GRO.

I thought you said you **fed** the horse.

Darn you crabgrass! Can't you grow somewhere else for a change!?

You're nuts! I don't see no moving cactus!


Give me an **"F!"** Give me an **"A!"** Give me a "D!" Whatdaya got?! A **lousy** report card, that's what!

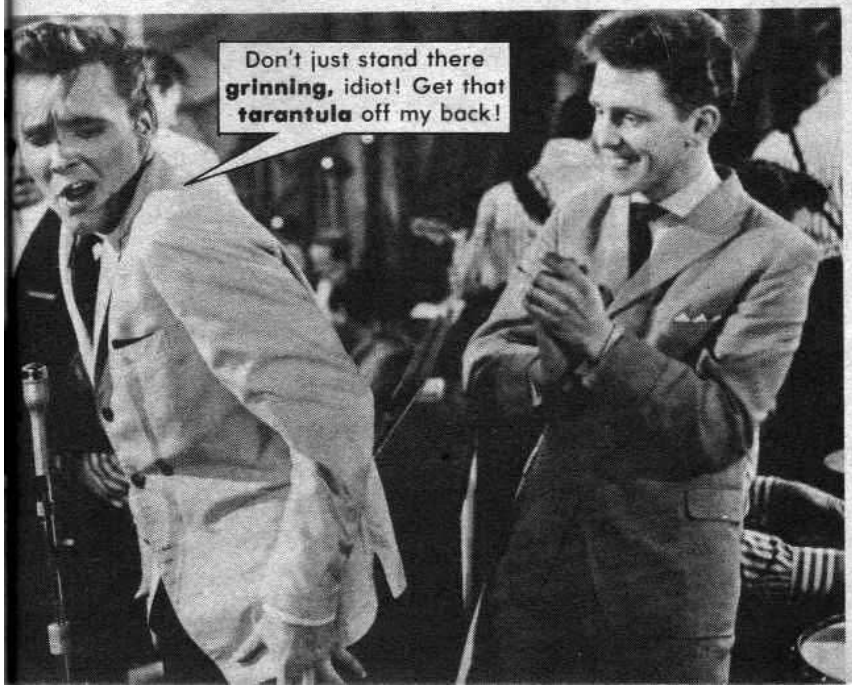
I **know** the museum is closed, but my wife is **beat**— she's been on her **feet** all day.

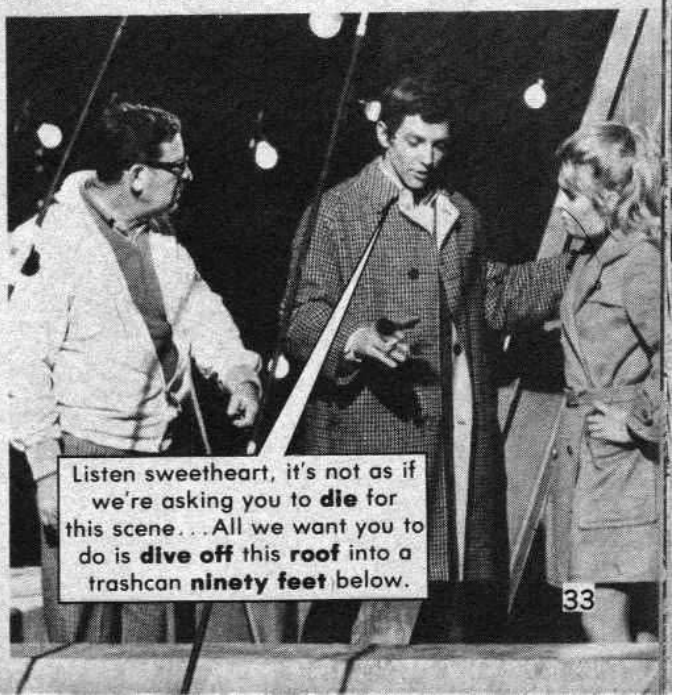
Listen sister, if you don't keep your **slimey hands** off me, I'm gonna **knock** your **teeth** down your **throat!**

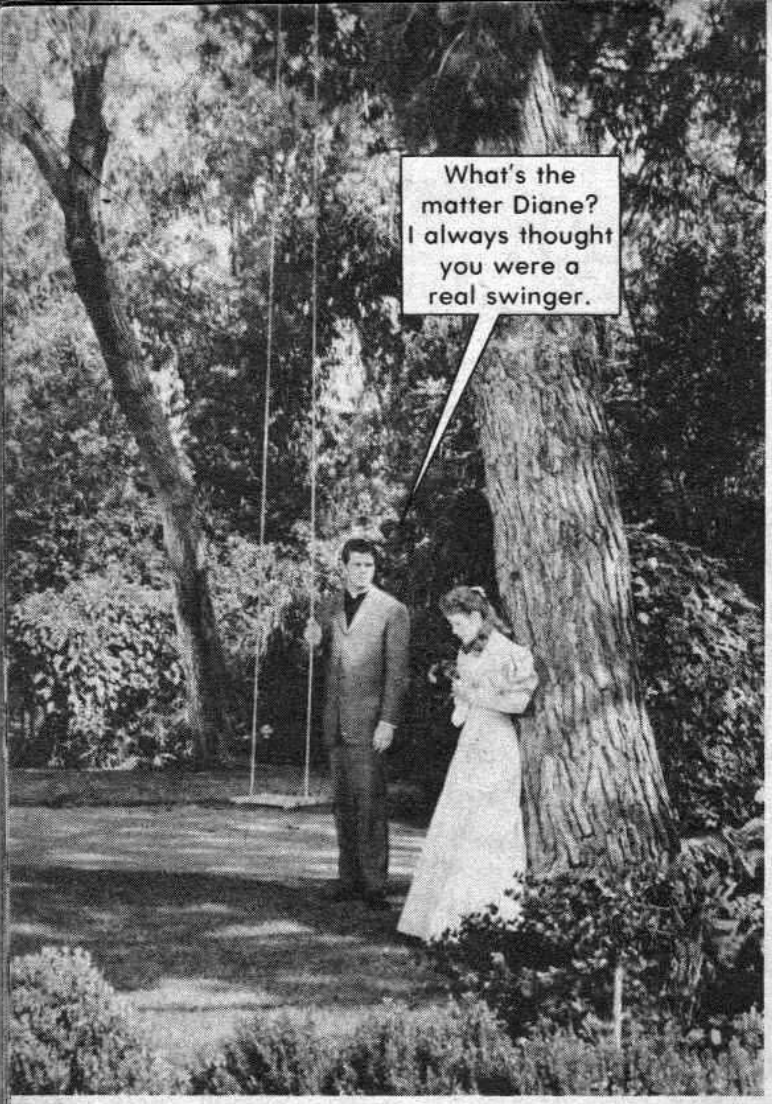
Something tells me we should've taken the **bus.**

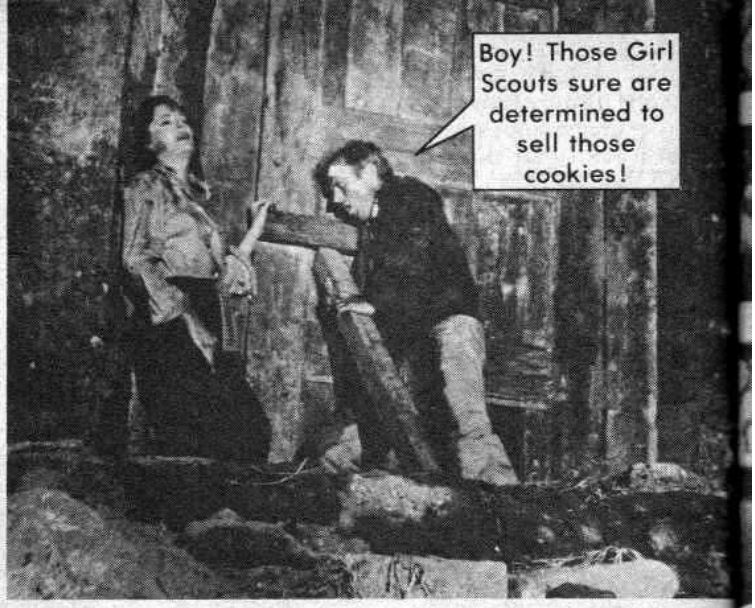
Leroy baby, ou're **beautiful!** Hold that pose!

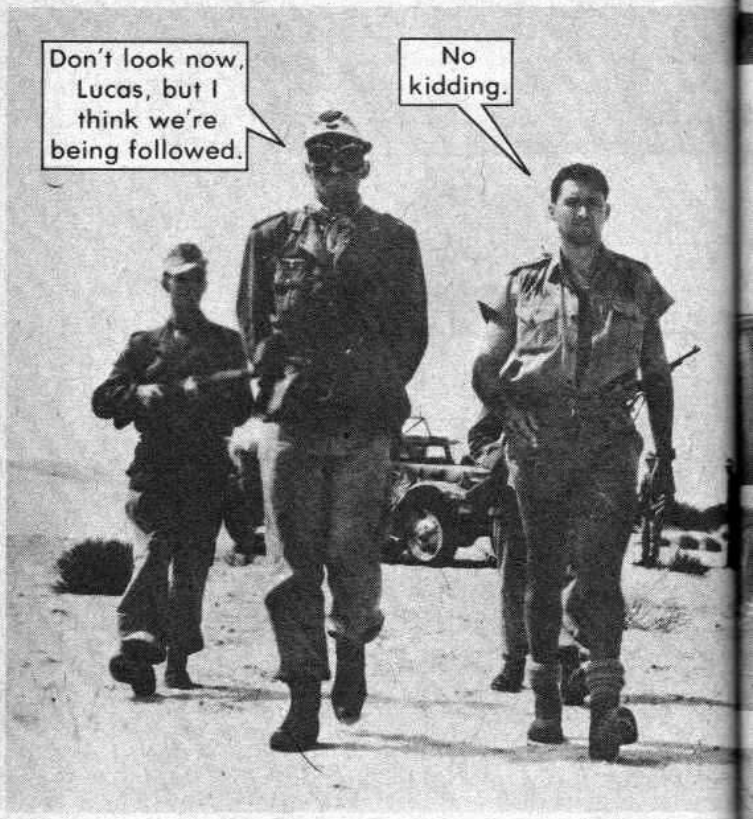
I don't get it. I haven't seen a **duck** all day.


Don't just stand there **grinning,** idiot! Get that **tarantula** off my back!


Listen sweetheart, it's not as if we're asking you to **die** for this scene...All we want you to do is **dive off** this **roof** into a trashcan **ninety feet** below.


What's the matter Diane? I always thought you were a real swinger.

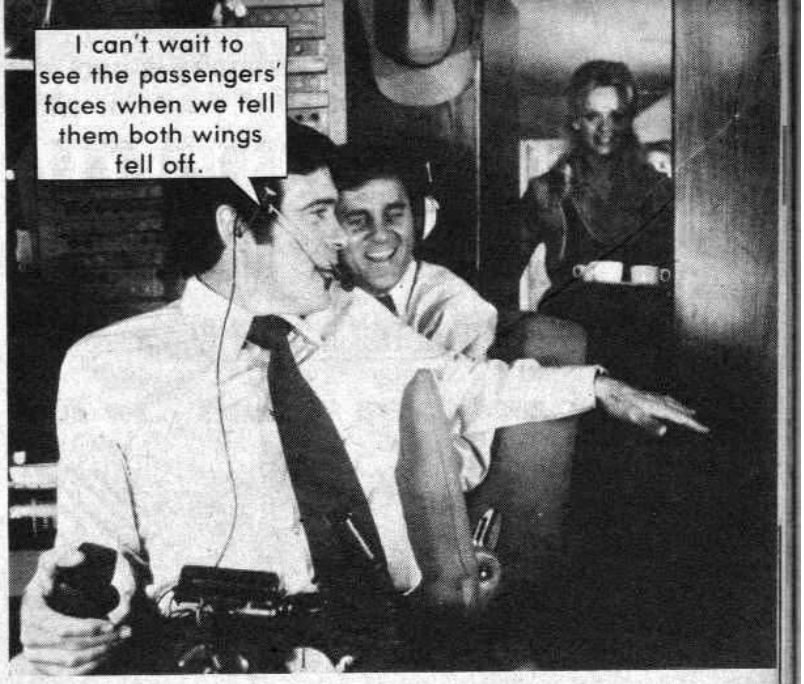

Boy! Those Girl Scouts sure are determined to sell those cookies!

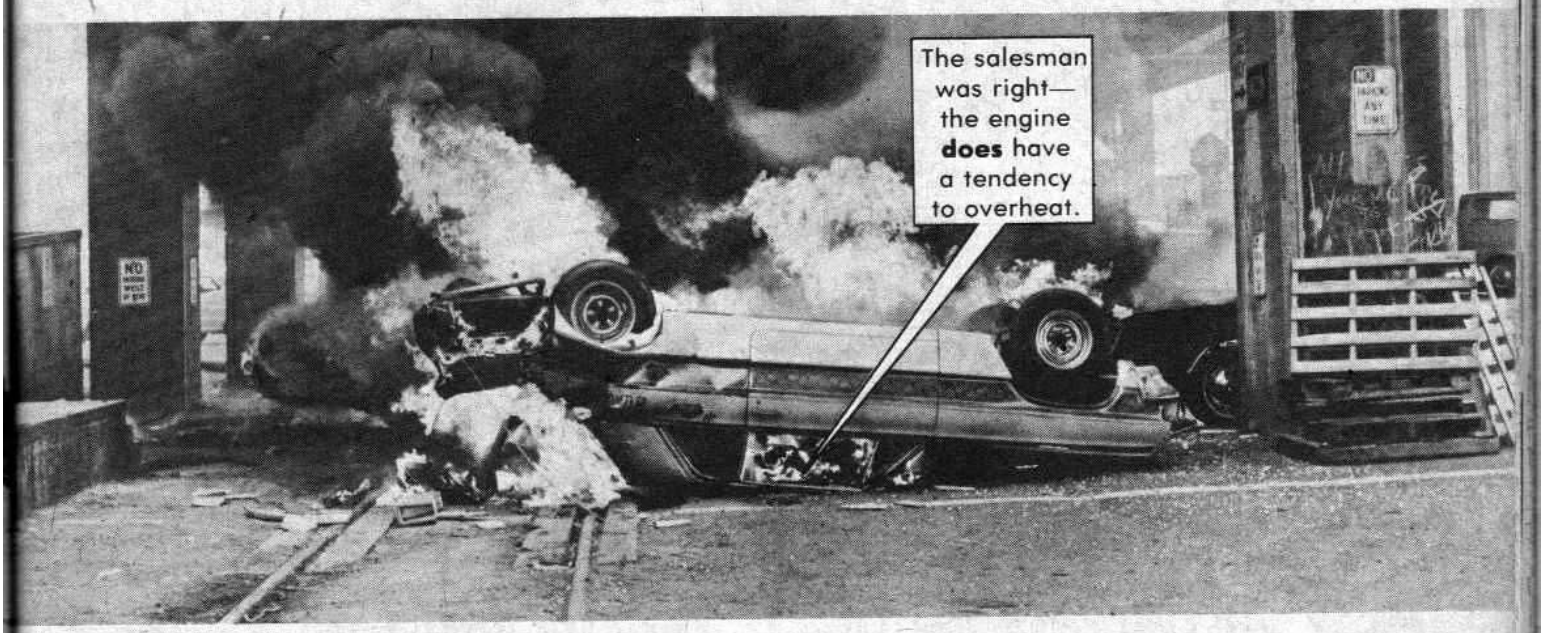

Don't look now, Lucas, but I think we're being followed.
No kidding.

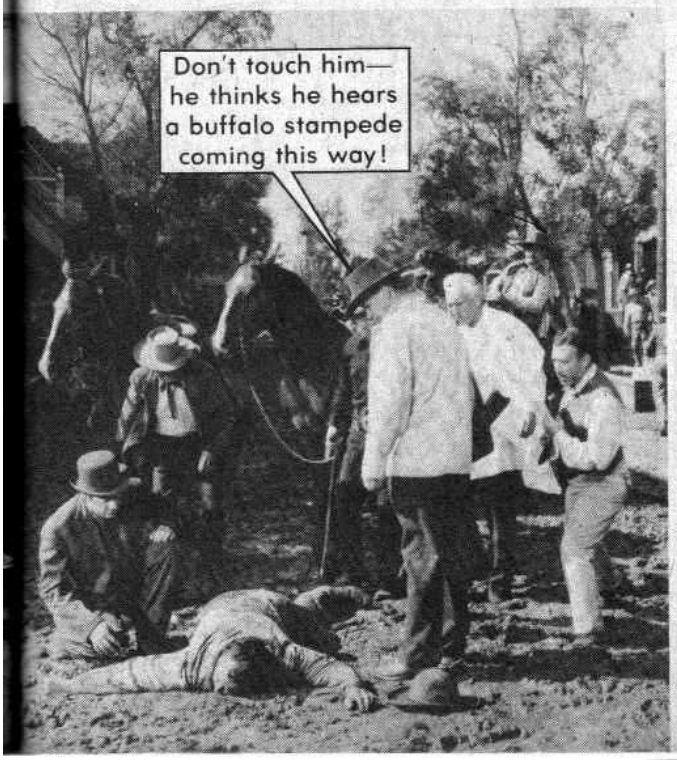
This is my half-sister I was telling you about.

Oh, I'm sorry. Were you sitting here?

But I **can't** marry you, Jack—you bite your nails.


I can't wait to see the passengers' faces when we tell them both wings fell off.


The salesman was right—the engine **does** have a tendency to overheat.


Don't touch him—he thinks he hears a buffalo stampede coming this way!

Last one in is a rotten egg!

Taking care of appearances is part of American life! Of course, people can always go to m glass . . . or the kind of neat-nut who sets the table with knife, fork, bib and after-m

# THE CRACKED HANDBOOK

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO SLOPPY WHEN . . .

YOU DON'T THROW CONFETTI AT PARADES — YOU JUST SHAKE OUT YOUR POCKETS!

OTHER PEOPLE TRIP OVER YOUR SHOELACES!

YOU INVENTED THE 'PUNK LOOK' AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT!

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO NEAT WHEN . . .

YOU TIDY UP YOUR TRASH FOR THE GARBAGE MAN!

YOU'LL ONLY EAT COTTON CANDY WITH A KNIFE AND FORK!

YOU STENCIL YOUR GRAFFITI!

nes! Like the kind of slob who looks like he traded in his tableware for a dribble nge! To see if you or any of your loved ones fall into either category, check out . . .

# N PERSONAL GROOMING

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO SLOPPY WHEN . . .

PEOPLE ALWAYS KNOW WHICH HOUSE IS YOURS, EVEN WITHOUT THE EXACT ADDRESS!

BURGLARS WOULD RATHER NOT LOOK THROUGH YOUR DRAWERS!

AS YOU LEAVE A RESTAURANT, YOU NOTICE THE WAITRESS APPROACHING YOUR TABLE WITH A SHOVEL!

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO NEAT WHEN . . .

YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO COME IN AND SIT DOWN, AND THEY'RE AFRAID TO!

YOU TYPE YOUR VACATION POST CARDS!

YOU SHAVE YOUR PETS SO THEY DON'T SHED ON YOUR CARPET!

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO SLOPPY WHEN...

YOU THROW DOWN YOUR COAT SO YOUR GIRL CAN WALK OVER A PUDDLE — AND THEN YOU PUT IT BACK ON!

YOU HAVE TO BE TOLD THAT AN EARTHQUAKE STRUCK YOUR HOUSE!

IF IT NEVER RAINED, YOUR CAR WOULD NEVER GET WASHED!

IT TAKES CUSTOMS LONGER TO SORT THROUGH YOUR BAGGAGE THAN FOR YOU TO FLY TO PARIS!

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE TOO NEAT WHEN...

INSTEAD OF TAKING LEFT-OVERS HOME IN A DOGGY BAG, YOU BRING YOUR OWN TUPPERWARE!

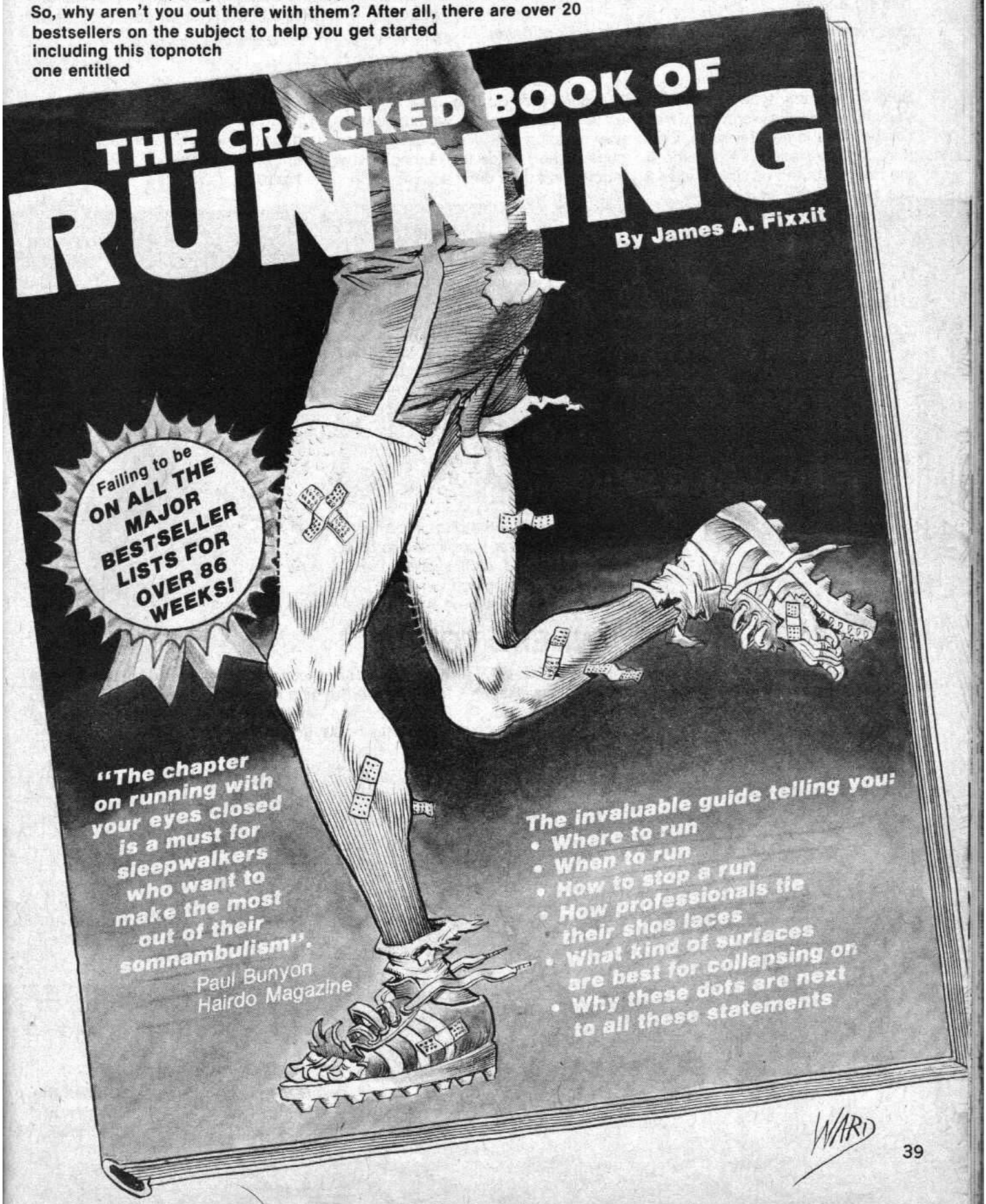
YOU HAVE PEOPLE SIGN YOUR CAST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER!

YOU'VE BEEN KNOWN TO USE EXTREME MEASURES TO KEEP EVERY HAIR IN PLACE!

YOU WEAR GLOVES WHENEVER YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH CHALK!

CRACKED is playing catch with a King so you can over-throw him!

Look out your window for just ten minutes and what do you see? —
Probably nothing because you haven't cleaned the dumb glass in over two years!
But if you could peer out, you'd probably see scores of people dashing by.
Now, to the uninitiated, this may look like the tail end of a big bank heist,
but to the with-it, they know that it's just Americans out getting their daily exercise.
So, why aren't you out there with them? After all, there are over 20
bestsellers on the subject to help you get started
including this topnotch
one entitled



What you are about to read is a beginner's guide to running. (This should be fairly obvious since we spent the whole preceding page presenting the title).

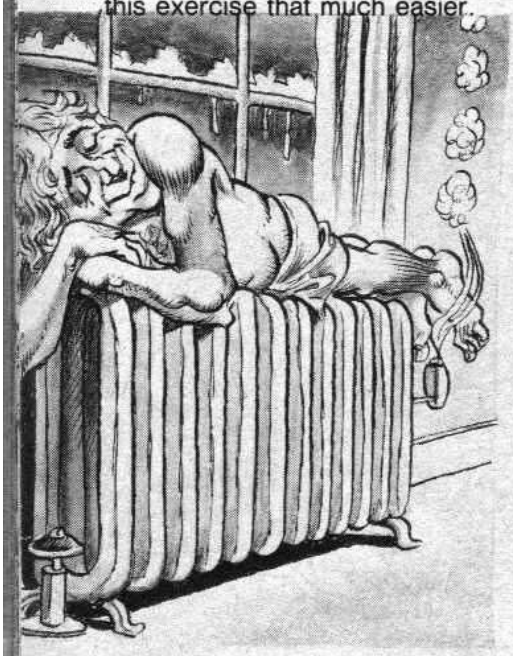
Man has been running for years — running for office — running a fever.

One reason is that running is a sport capable of being practiced by anyone regardless of age. (For example . . . tiny babies. Even before their legs are developed, their noses are already running.)

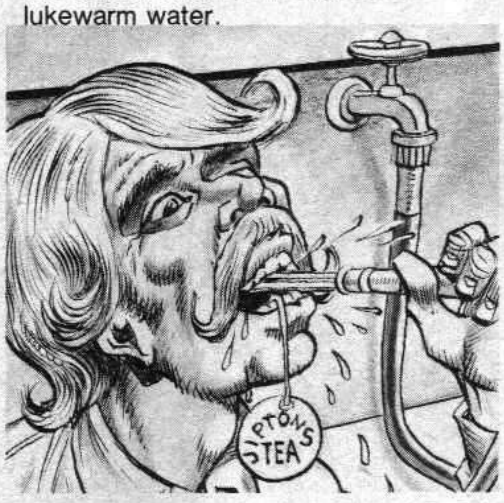
But where does one begin? We suggest with the first paragraph, otherwise we will have written it for naught (well actually, it was for $8.95).

## WARMING UP

Before doing any type of exercise, you should always warm up. This can be done in several ways. One (Fig. 1) is to sleep on a radiator. If the heat is turned up, this makes this exercise that much easier.



A second method (Fig. 2) is to drink a cup of hot tea. May we suggest a way of doing this without dirtying any cups. Simply place the teabag in your mouth, and then drink a glass of lukewarm water.




Warning: Keep the string of the tea bag dangling over your lower lip at all times, otherwise you'll swallow the bag, and your stomach will begin brewing tea for the next 8 days.

And then there's Figure 3. This has nothing to do with warming up, but isn't that one GREAT figure?

## WHERE TO RUN

You can run anywhere — well, almost anywhere. Good places are roads, tracks, grassy fields and sidewalks. Bad places are in closets, through tar pits, on quicksand or across the chests of 300 lb. sunbathing weightlifters.

Running cross country is also nice, but few people usually have the time needed to run from New York to San Francisco every evening without giving up something — like their careers.

**A track is a good place to run . . .**

**. . . Unless the ponies are in town.**

# WHAT TO WEAR

**Clothes.**

Especially in winter, so ice doesn't form on your skin. Oh, there **are** special running shorts and t-shirts made, but these tend to benefit the manufacturer's cash register more than your body.

Shoes, on the other hand, (well, not on your HAND, but on your FOOT) are very important considering that each foot will be hitting the ground more than 120,000 times a month if you run just 5 miles a day. Run 10 miles a day and that's 240,000 times. Run 20 miles and . . . well, it's more than our fingers can handle.

The most important thing to look for in shoes is fit.

Shoes that are too big, are no good for the feet.

Plus you waste countless hours going back to retrieve them.

The type of shoe is also important. While these are feminine . . .

. . . they're also a pain as they tend to get caught in things.

And these shoes tend to be comfortable . . .

. . . but, do you look like a wimp running around in kiddy slippers.

What shoes are made of is also important. Cardboard tends to fall apart in the slightest rain, while lead, although long lasting, is a bit too heavy.

A good shoe should also have a good sole (but then who wants to wear a shoe that's a sinner?)

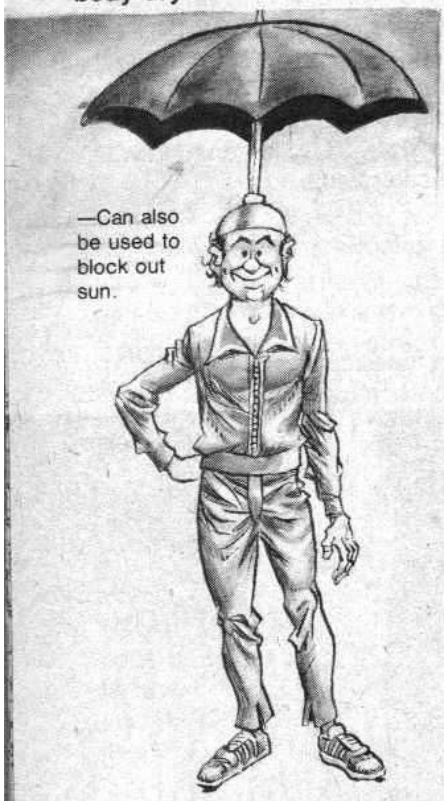
Good shoes should also support you, so find one that's willing to go out there and work for you. Investigate where the shoe leather came from. If the cow whose hide it was taken from didn't have a good job and neglected her family, chances are her leather won't support **you** either.

Should you decide that besides just running, you would also like to race, then look for a good pair of racing shoes (see examples next to this explanation).

In general, the best racing shoes are probably made in Hialeah.

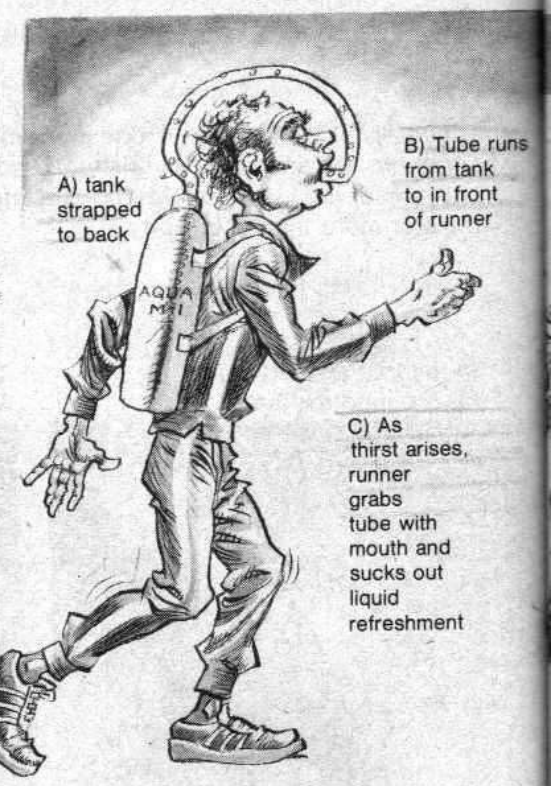
And speaking of clothing, manufacturers are now putting out different types of accessories to help runners alleviate problems that they may encounter while out for their daily jaunt. Several of the better ones follow.

**For bad weather, there is the head umbrella for keeping the body dry.**

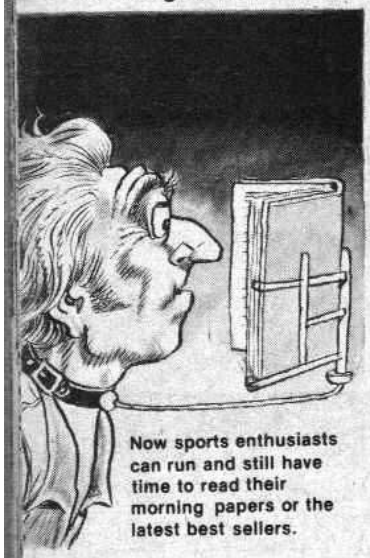



**For hot weather, there's the portable fan for cooling**

**To quench the thirst, automatic water jugs.**




**To overcome boredom, a portable reading stand.**

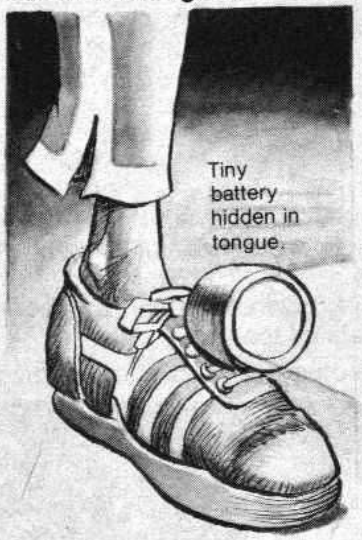


**Now sports enthusiasts can run and still have time to read their morning papers or the latest best sellers.**

**When running in heavily congested areas, sideview mirrors.**

Mirrors are hooked onto each ear to give a full view of the traffic around you.

**For night jogging, sneakers with built-in headlights.**




**To ward off vicious dogs that might chase you — 'Bark Away' Spray.**

# GETTING STARTED

Pick out your shoes. Then purchase an outfit of some sort — you'll find that one made of prunes will be very helpful in keeping you going. Also, select the accessories that you need. Then, if you still have any energy left, you might want to try using all this equipment on an actual run.

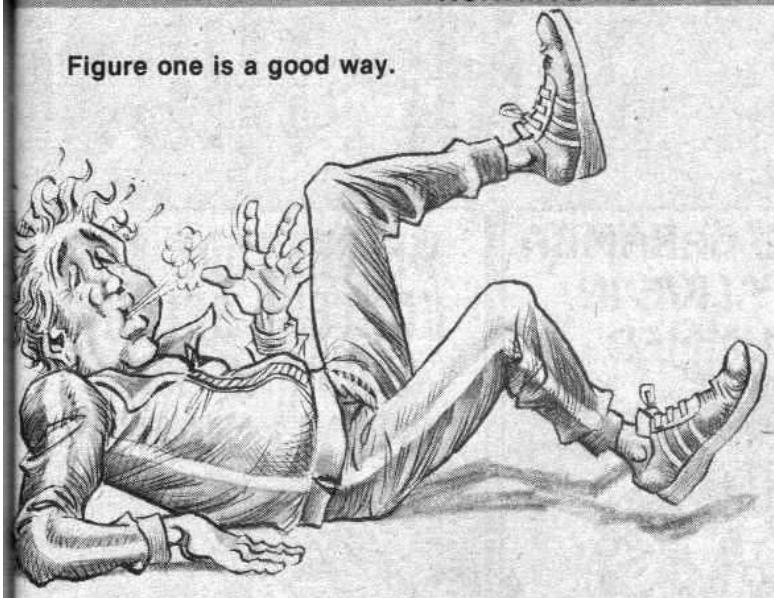
Start out slowly. Many like to use their first run to get their daily newspaper. To begin, get dressed. Then run down the stairs and out to the garage. That is enough running for the first day. Now get into the car and drive off and get your paper.

Each day you should increase this distance. By day 3, you should be able to run half the distance to the newsstand. To complete the other half of the journey, call a cab or camp out in the street until you are ready for the next day's run.

And, there you have the bare basics of running. There are, of course, many questions that do pop up as you get into the sport more, and in this section we will attempt to answer some of them.

## HOW WILL I BE ABLE TO TELL IF I AM RUNNING MORE THAN I AM CAPABLE OF?

**Figure one is a good way.**



**SHOULD I RUN EVERY DAY?**
Your car runs every day. So does your watch. Why shouldn't you — or are you some kind of privileged prima donna?

**AW, COME ON! SURELY THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I SHOULDN'T RUN.**
O.K. You're right! If you've just broken your leg, give it a day or two before getting back on the road.

**WHEN SHOULD I TRY RUNNING IN A MARATHON?**
When there's one in your area. Running in a marathon consisting of just yourself isn't as challenging — although it's usually easier to predict who the winner will be.

**WHAT SHOULD I EAT BEFORE RUNNING?**
Food.

**YES, DUNDERHEAD. BUT WHAT TYPE OF FOOD?**
Eat something light — feathers are good. And avoid heavy things like pasta, pizza and your wife's first attempts at baking. Eating rubber bugs BEFORE running isn't advisable. (But then eating them AFTER running isn't too swift either).

## HOW CAN I PUSH MYSELF INTO RUNNING FARTHER AND USING ALL MY CAPABILITIES?

**Use incentives like:**

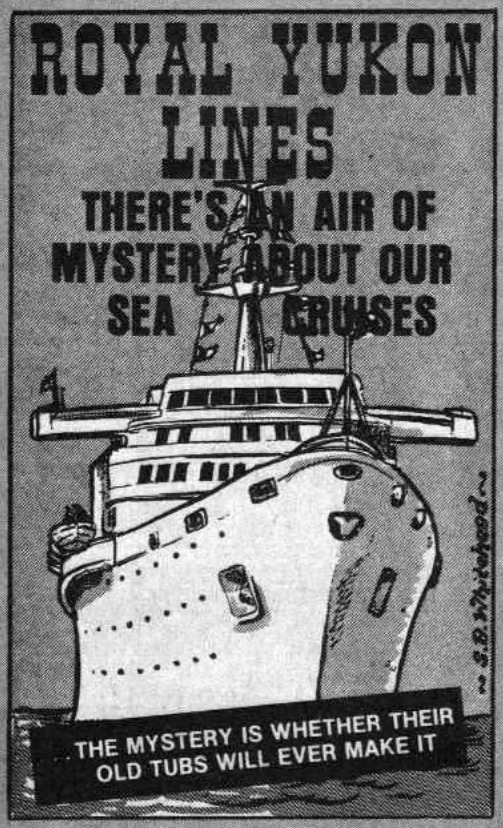
## ONE FINAL QUESTION. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH THE PROFITS FROM THIS BOOK?

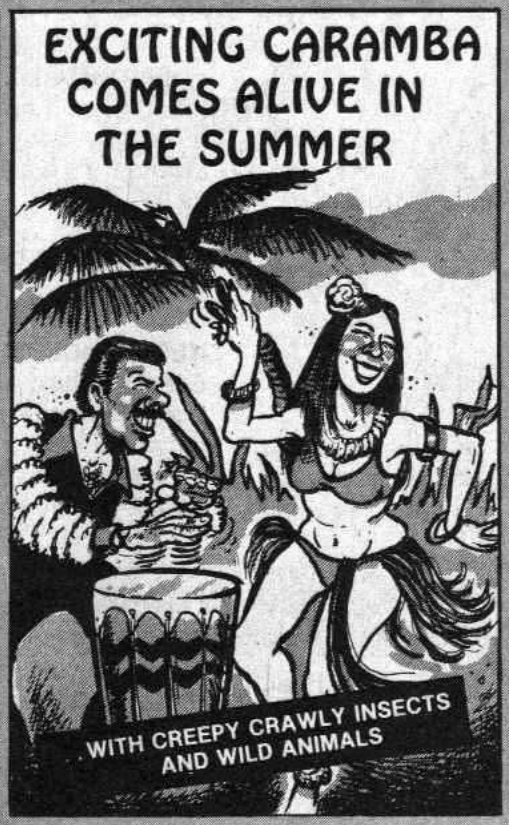
**Buy a copy of a REAL running book that actually knows something about the subject.**

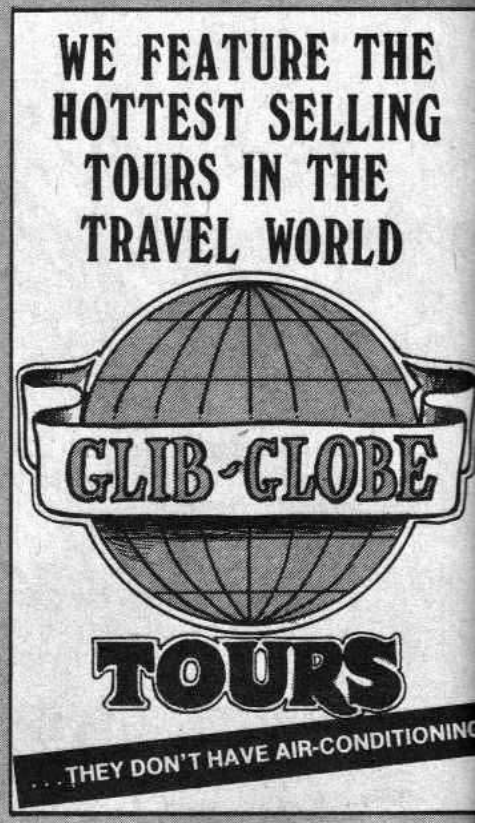
**TRAVEL TRAVESTY SECTION**

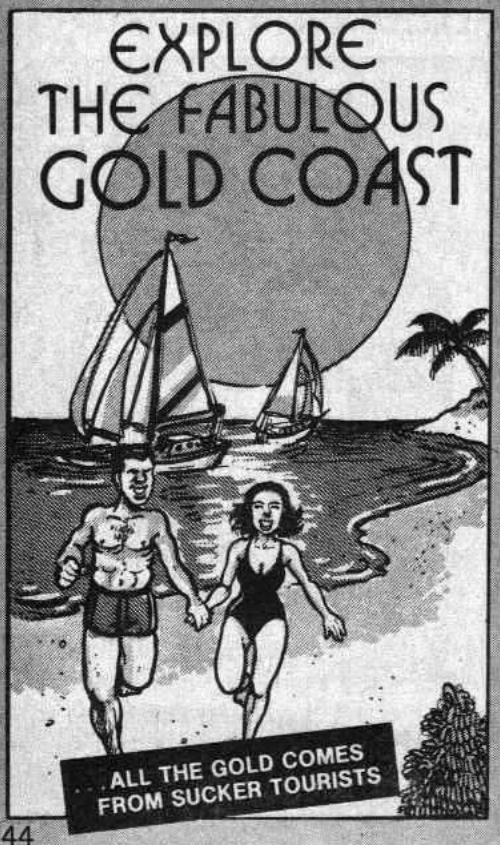
**Last year our CRACKED Travel Editor signed up for a bargain tour of France that guaranteed him a room with running water... He wound up spending a week in the sewers of Paris. Ever since then he's been learning...**

# HOW TO READ THOSE



# TRAVEL ADS

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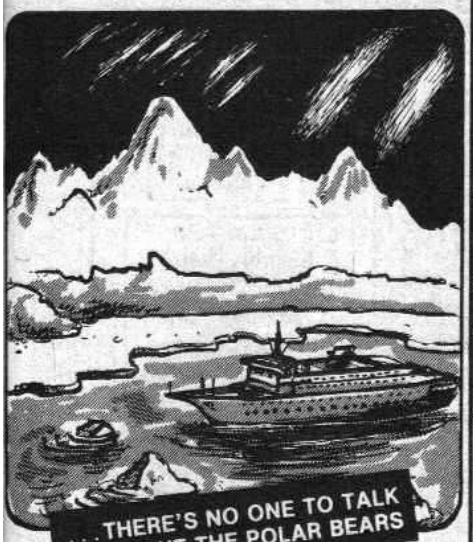
THE LAND OF SILENT SPLENDOR

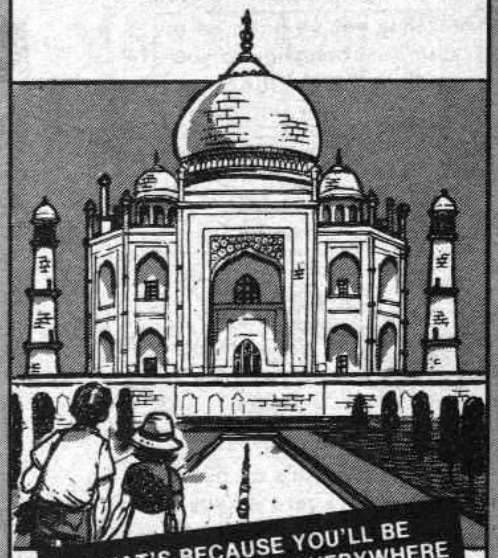


...THERE'S NO ONE TO TALK TO BUT THE POLAR BEARS

## ENJOY FABULOUS SUNBATHING ON THE RIVIERA

...BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY KIND OF BATHING YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO IN THESE HIGHLY POLLUTED WATERS

## VIKING TOURS
LETS YOU SET YOUR OWN PACE



...THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'LL BE EXPECTED TO WALK EVERYWHERE

## GO NOW AND SAVE $500 WITH TRIPE TRIPS

...AT THE CURRENT RATE OF INFLATION THEIR TOURS WILL COST $500 MORE IN 1985...THAT'S THE $500 YOU'LL BE SAVING

## TRACK DOWN YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND
SHAMROCK TOURS INC.

...THE FOOD YOU'LL BE SERVED WILL GUARANTEE YOU MEETING YOUR ANCESTORS

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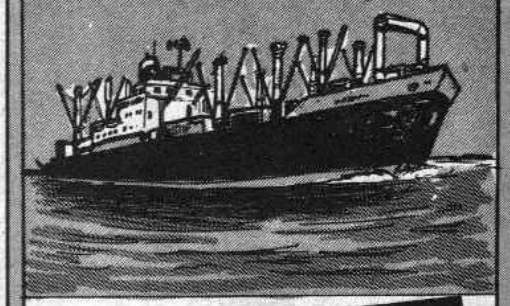
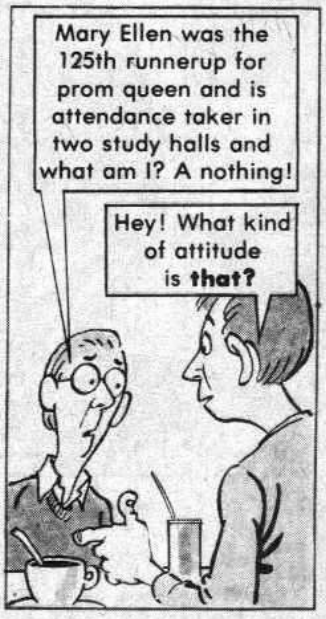
ENJOY THE INFORMALITY OF CRUISING BY FREIGHTER



...THEY WON'T MAKE YOU WEAR A TIE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO STOKE THE ENGINES

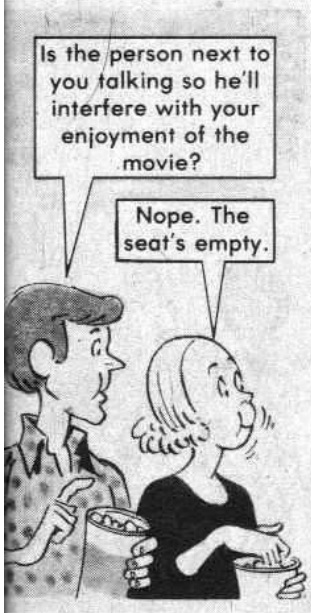
# THE CRACKED TEENAGE

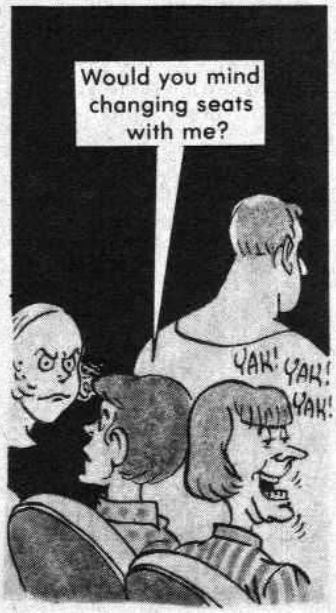
WARREN SATTLER



# WORLD OF...

# DATING





Janie, I'll give you **50¢** if you go out with me.
No way. Bobby's giving me a **dollar.**

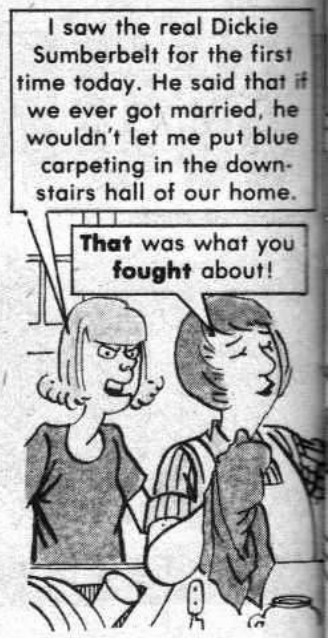
Little boys and girls are so funny. The dumb games they play. Imagine **buying** a date.

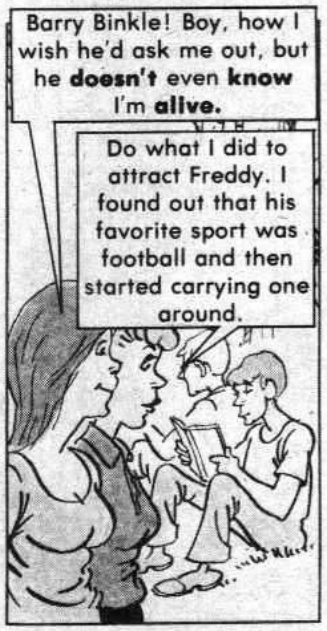
Yeah and speaking of dating, who are you going to the class picnic with Jerry Gorply or Wendel Thonghugger?
Well, I decided to go with Wendel.
Wendel? He's so homely, whereas Jerry's got his father's good looks.
**That** might be true but...

Wendel's got his father's new **car.**

I never want to see that Dickie Sumberbelt again. It's over. **That's it!**
But I thought you two were going steady?
SLAM!

**"Were"** is right! And although it was the best 2 days of my life, it's not worth the aggravation.
O.K. What happened?


I saw the real Dickie Sumberbelt for the first time today. He said that if we ever got married, he wouldn't let me put blue carpeting in the downstairs hall of our home.
**That** was what you **fought** about!

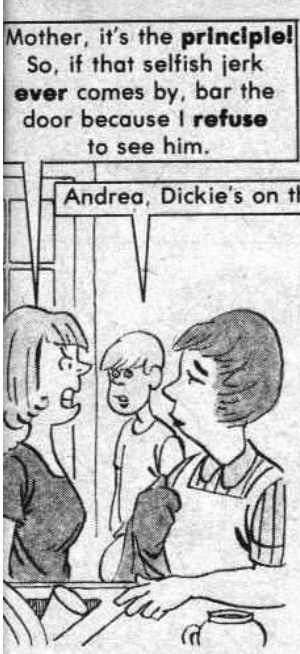

Barry Binkle! Boy, how I wish he'd ask me out, but he **doesn't** even **know** I'm **alive.**
Do what I did to attract Freddy. I found out that his favorite sport was football and then started carrying one around.

One day he noticed the football, started talking to me about it and then asked me out to a game.
Hmm. I do know that Barry loves music.

I got it. I'll go over to where Barry is, sit down and start playing his favorite song on my guitar,

Daddy, I invited Jim over to watch TV with us. I hope you don't mind.
Not at all.

Sit right here.

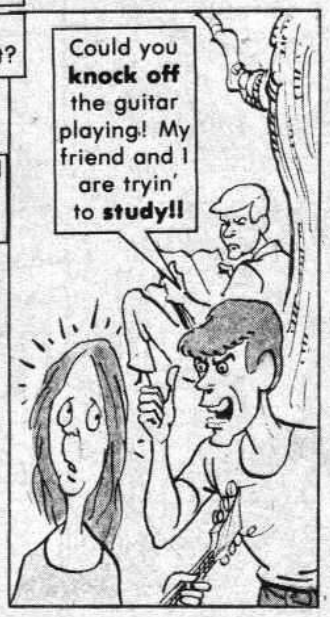

Mother, it's the **principle!** So, if that selfish jerk **ever** comes by, bar the door because I **refuse** to see him.
Andrea, Dickie's on the phone.

Dickie? My gosh! Tell him I'll be right there.
Hey, wait a second. I thought you said you never wanted to see that "jerk" again.
I did!

But I never said anything about not wanting to **speak** to him.
Women!

I hope this works.
Trust me. Just sing really loud to attract his attention.

*You may be right. I may be...*
Excuse me, but that was you singing, right?
Why yes! It's a song by Billy Joel.
I know. Do you mind if I ask a favor of you?
Please. Go right ahead.


Could you **knock off** the guitar playing! My friend and I are tryin' to **study!!**

Gracious! It's 11:30 and I gotta work tomorrow. Good night.
Night, Daddy.
And son, I don't want any funny business going on down here.
Oh, daddy. We're just going to talk.

I don't **hear** any talking!!

That's better!
Homeroom was really a drag today.
Yeah, I know. However, French wasn't...

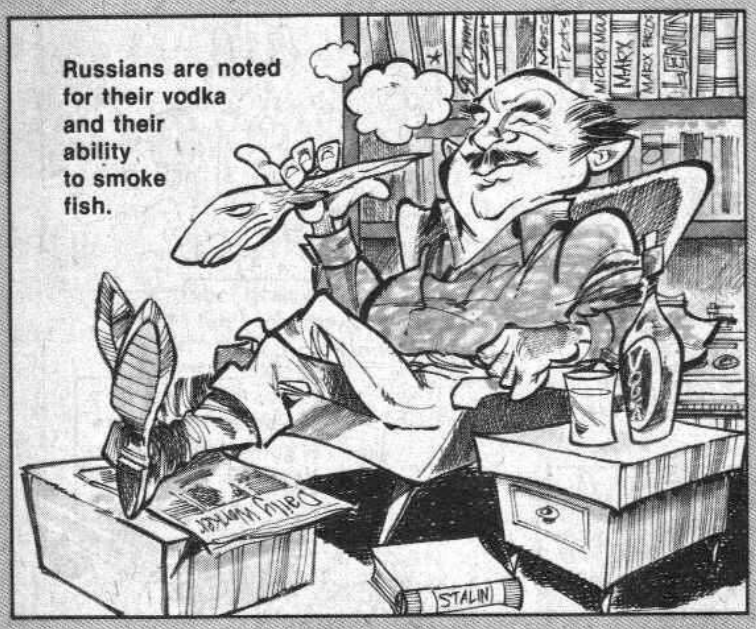
And what's new with you, Jen?
I've decided to ask Jimmy Dunderbunny to the Gerbil Roast on Saturday.
**What!**

In my day, a young lady **never** asked a boy out. It wasn't proper.
Ma, this is the 80's. Women have more gumption. They're lawyers, doctors and executives.

And they **ask** boys out, **decide** where they want to go and even **drive** on the date. Women do **everything** now, ma.

Yeah, **everything** except pick up the **tab!**

# MORE PRESS


Russians are noted for their vodka and their ability to smoke fish.
STALIN

Neighbors said the last time they saw Mr. White, he was on his roof cleaning out his chimney with his wife.
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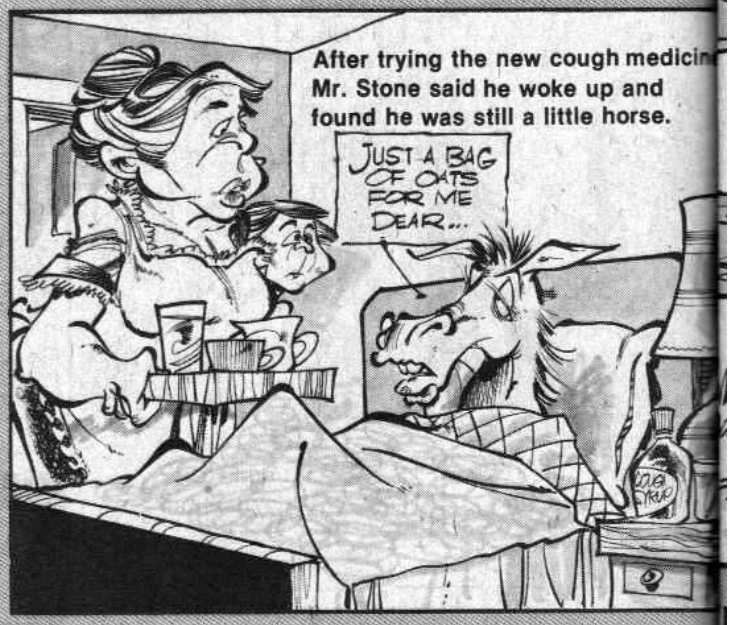
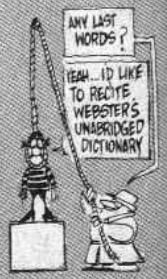
The giant Australian tortoise will become extinct if man continues to pray on them.
HOWARD JOHNSON'S 1 MILE
ROAD TO MANDALAY

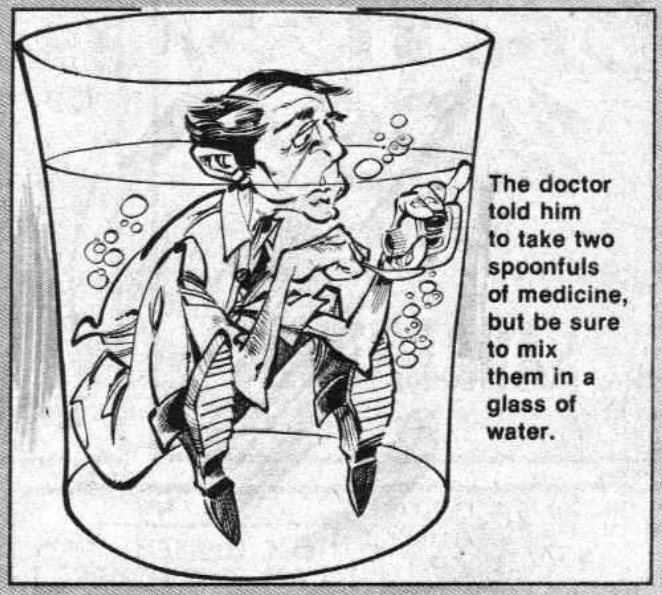

After trying the new cough medicin Mr. Stone said he woke up and found he was still a little horse.
JUST A BAG OF OATS FOR ME DEAR...

FATSO!
His duties included standing by the doorway and calling the guests names as they entered.

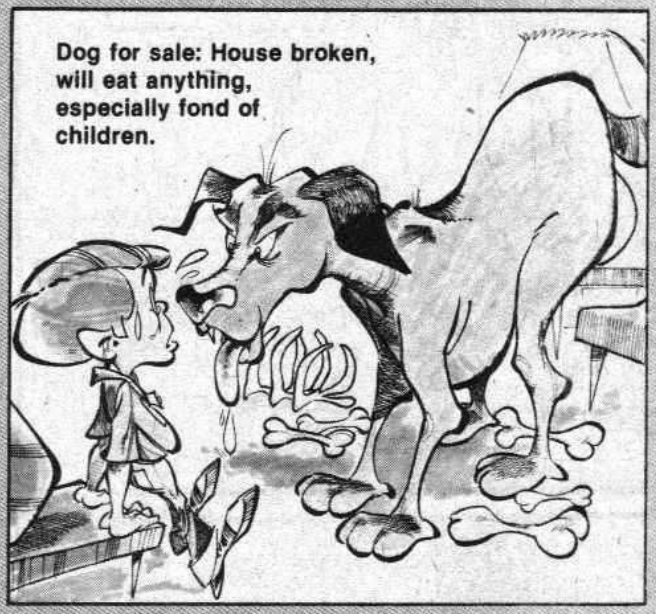

ANY LAST WORDS?
YEAH... I'D LIKE TO RECITE WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY

# MISTAKES!

On his California ranch, President and Mrs. Reagan were both seen wearing the same designer jeans.



The doctor told him to take two spoonfuls of medicine, but be sure to mix them in a glass of water.



Dog for sale: House broken, will eat anything, especially fond of children.

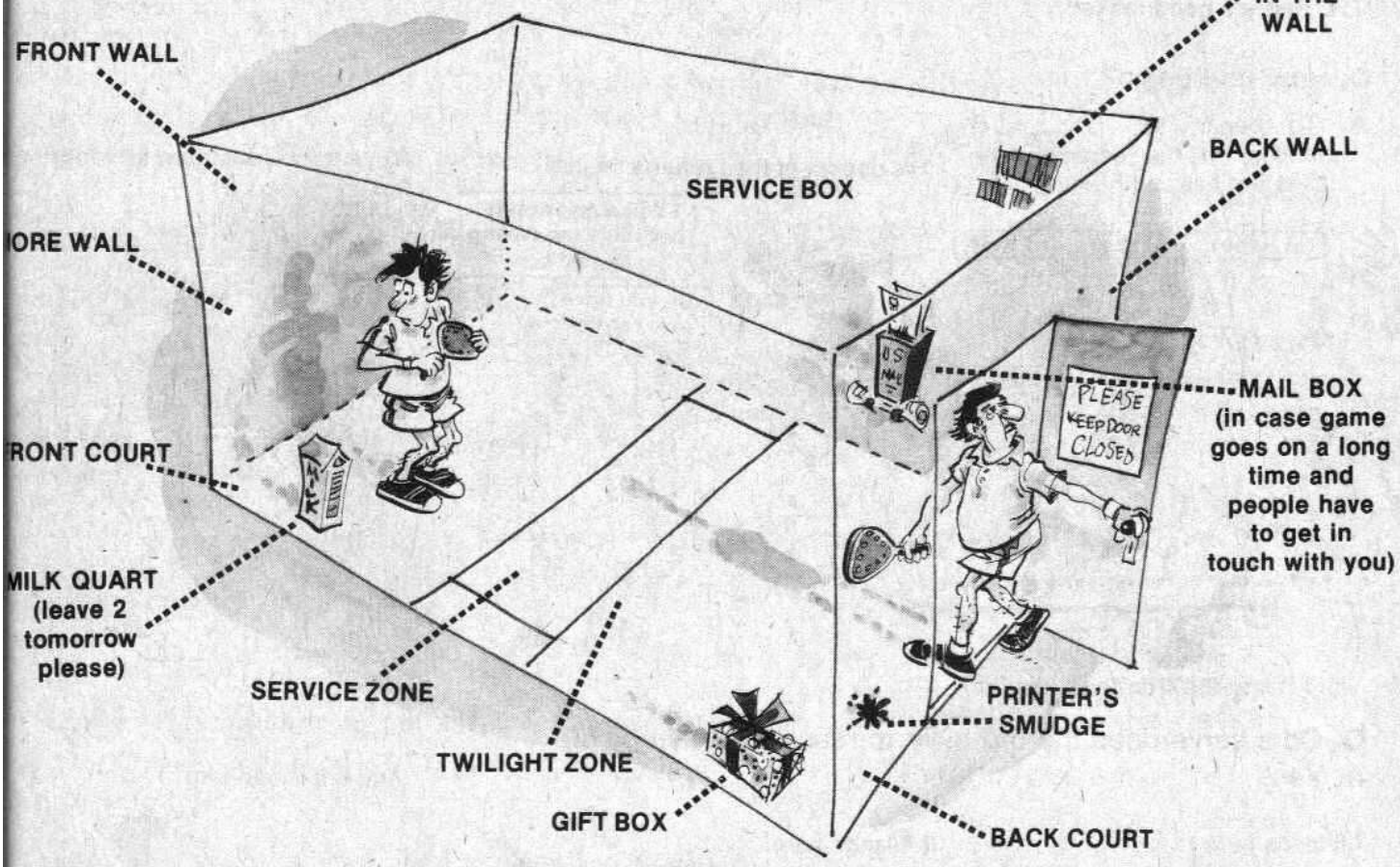
When on a camping trip, be sure your small children don't eat any wild berries unless you boil them first.

CRACK UPS!
FEATURING:
SAGEBRUSH
SEVERIN
O.K., LUCIFER! I'LL ASK THIS HOMBRE COMIN' ALONG!
WELL, YOU WERE RIGHT... WE MADE A WRONG TURN AT THE RIO BRAVO!
TH'END

**Hi there! We'll get to our introduction in a moment, but first we promised the C.I.A. we'd pass along this coded message to all their agents—"DEAD DONKEYS NEED LITTLE FEED." Thanks for being so patient and as your reward, here's yet another in our continuing series of sporting articles, this time**

# THE CRACKED QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE TO RACQUETBALL

**Q.** What is the object of racquetball?
**A.** The same as football, baseball and Family Feud—to win!
**Q.** What does a racquetball court look like?




**A.** A racquetball court looks something like the one pictured above, only a lot bigger. Sometimes you'll find 4 of these courts laid out side by side. In the trade, this is known as a gallon.

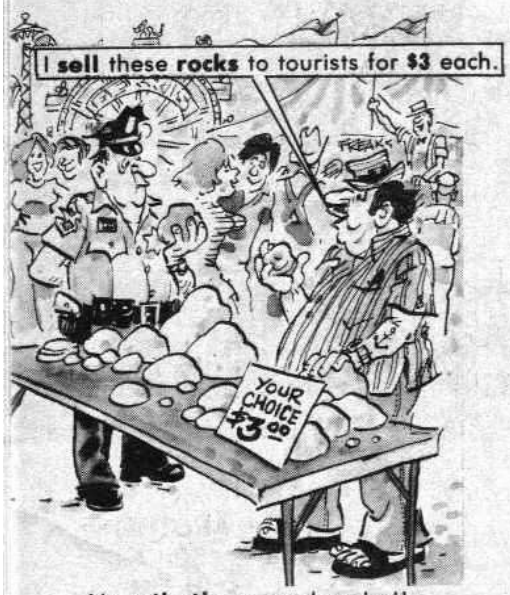
The court is enclosed and players use all four walls, the ceiling and the floor to play off of.

Most indoor courts charge as much as $16 an hour, however many people save this fee by designing their own home version.

**Q.** How is this done?
**A.** By carefully cutting and pasting together 23 empty refrigerator boxes.
**Q.** Is there a drawback to this home type?
**A.** Yes. The $11,500 needed to buy 23 refrigerators.

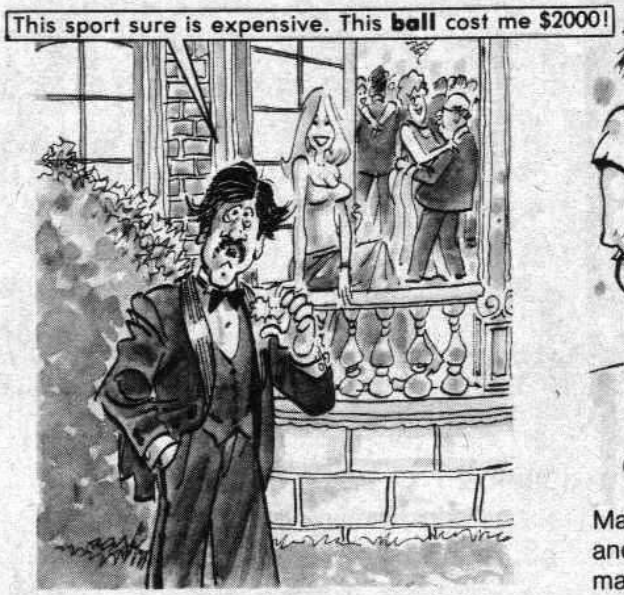
**Q.** Do I need any special equipment to play?

**A.** Yes. First you'll need a good racquet.




Now **that's** a good racket!

You'll also need a ball.




And finally a shirt, pair of shorts and sneakers.

Make that a **white** shirt, shorts and sneakers. You don't wanna make your opponent seasick!

**Q.** How do I begin?

**A.** To begin, the first player, standing in the service zone, takes the ball and **hits** it...

...**hits it** into the **front** wall, that is.

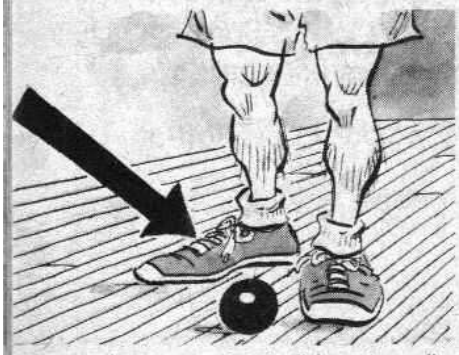
His opponent then returns the ball...

Players then alternate **striking** the ball

**Q.** On a serve does the ball have to reach a certain point?

**A.** Yes.

If it lands here...

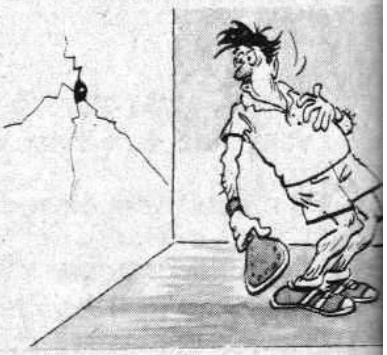


...it means the ball has travelled all of 2 inches on your serve and you must be a real whimp!

If it lands here...

...it means you forgot to close your court door and the ball has once again bounced out into the snack bar.

And if it lands here...



...it means you're probably hitting the ball much too hard and should really be out demolishing buildings with your fists instead of playing racquetball.

**Q.** What if the ball hits you on your serve?

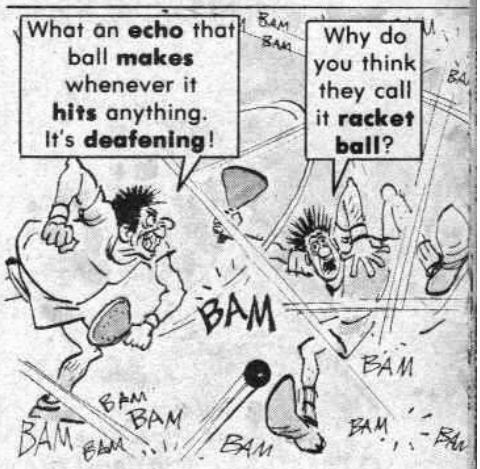
**A.** Two things are called: A hindrance and...

**Q.** How do you win a game?

**A.** The first player reaching 21 wins.

CRACKED is adjusting the color on your radio!

**Q.** Before we move on, could you tell us how the game got its name?




**Q.** Now that I know the basics, can you tell me some of the more common errors I might encounter?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Ah, come on.

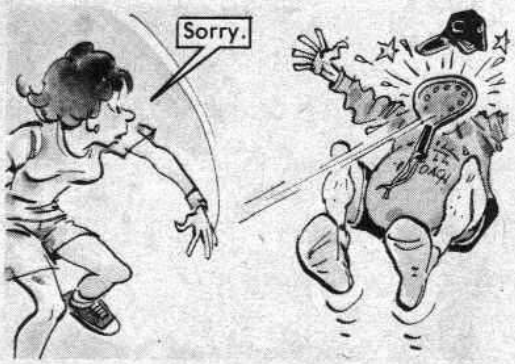
**A.** Oh, all right. One error is making an incorrect turn and ending up at the wrong racquetball club. Boy, do you look like a clone when you do that.

**Q.** What other errors might I make?

**A.** Well, the grip.

This is a poor grip.

And this is too loose a grip.




This is why you should always wrap the racquet string on the handle around your wrist.

But not too tight!

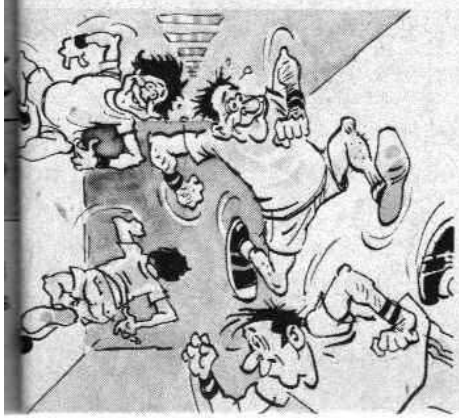
**Q.** What about warming up before a game?

**A.** If you're cold, wear a sweater. I don't care.

**Q.** No, should I do exercises?

**A.** Oh, of course.

Before a match, try jogging around the court.



Or take a short, but necessary run.

Or try stretching.

**Q.** How can I avoid crashing into walls?
**A.** Try getting more than 2 hours sleep the night before a game.

**Q.** Seriously.
**A.** If you see a ball is coming very close to the wall and you have no room to swing, try this uncommon, yet perfectly legal maneuver.

Fig. 1

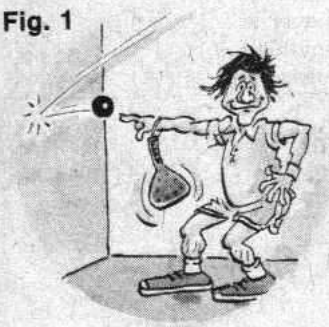


Fig. 2

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

**Q.** Are there bad and good ceiling shots? **A.** Would we have printed the question if there weren't

This is a good ceiling shot.
Notice the excellent ricochet.

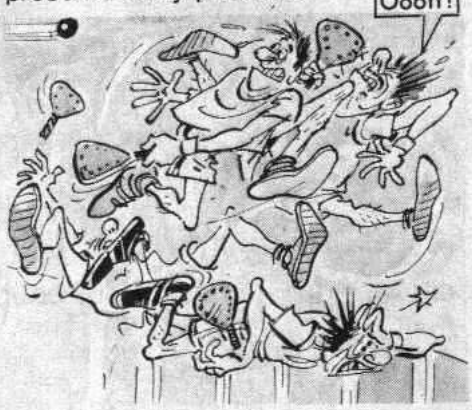
And this is a bad ceiling shot that can truly affect future play.

**Q.** I understand that besides playing one on one, there are other ways of playing? **A.** There are.

First there's playing alone.

But this becomes kind of boring after awhile.

Then there's doubles. But 4 players on a court this small presents many problems.




And finally, there's cut-throat (3 players). You'll find this particularly popular with one group of people.

**Q.** Well, it looks like you've answered all my questions, except one. Who are you anyway?
**A.** I don't really know. A question appears on the page and I just answer it automatically.

**Q.** Very interesting. How long have you had this non-identity problem?
**A.** It started when I was little. I can never remember being anything more than a period on a page

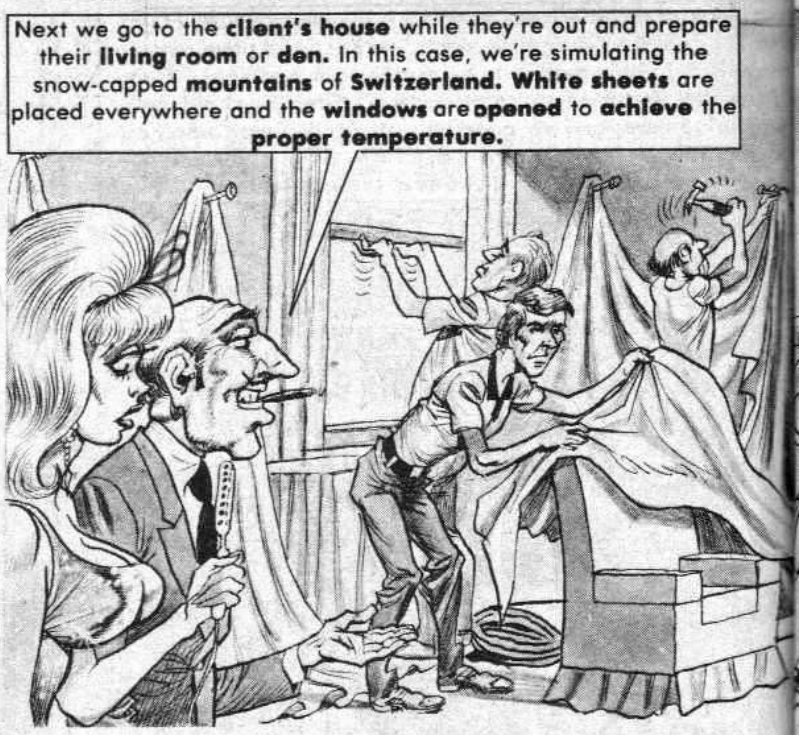
**Q.** Wanna lie down here and tell me the rest?
**A.** Soon I grew and became a full-fledged semi-colon, but commas kept trying to replace me and take my...



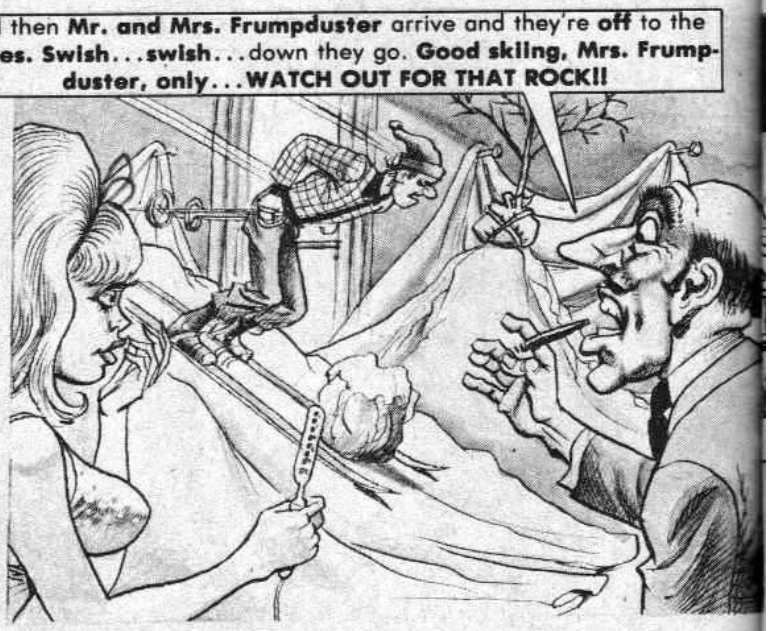
CRACKED is thinking a wristwatch is what happens if you stare at your hand!

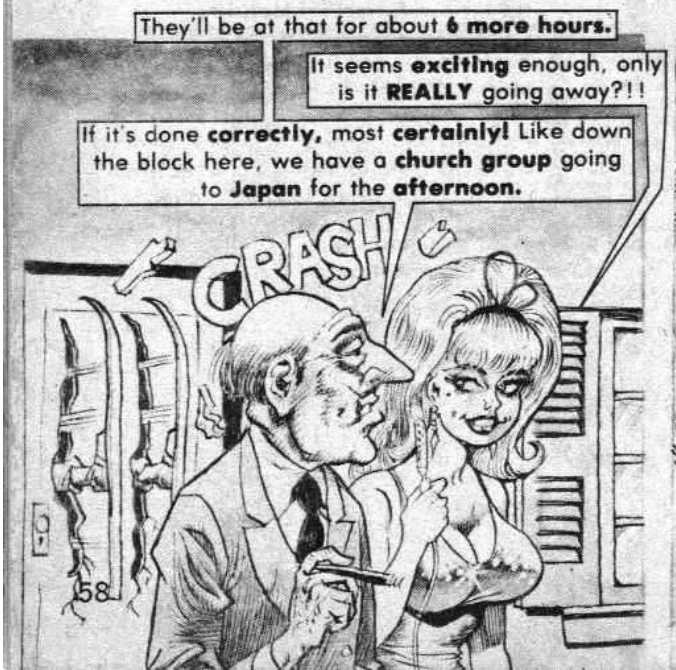
Just look at those prices! 'HAWAII - 2 weeks - $1,182 - (sun xtra)'...'ARUBA - 8 days, 3 nights - $893'!! The price of going away is definitely getting to be outrageous, and that's if you can first find the time to disappear!! Greetings! Nanny Dickering here, and my guest this month is a man who has come up with a whole new way of traveling, and you'll be meeting him in just a few seconds when...
CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE VACATION KING
A-1 TRAVEL
ASK JAN ABOUT HAWAII
WEEKS $1185 SUN EXTRA!
ASK FLORENCE ABOUT ARUBA 3 DAYS 3 NIGHTS $893 NO FOOD OR ROOM
ASK JAN ABOUT OUR SPECIAL MAKE-YOU-BROKE TRIPS TO PUERTO RICO AND GUADALUPE
BEAT IT KID, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE VIEW OF CASH CUSTOMERS
WARD
Behind me is the main office of the "Whirlaway Travel." Just look at these bargains—"JAPAN - $76.43"..."SEASHORE ROMP - $11.18"..."PARIS - $54.73, plus tax"!! And now, I'd like you to meet the man responsible for this, Mr. Cy Cotic.
WHIRLAWAY TRAVEL
JAPAN $16.43
TRY OUR SEASIDE ROMP $16.68
SEE Paris $54.73 BY DONKEY AND WAGON
Hello there, Nanny.
Cy, what brought about this travel revolution?
Well, I got sick of being ripped off. I mean, staying at a good Caribbean hotel is up to $120 a night. That's absurd! I can give you the Caribbean for $11 plus you don't even have to come up with a whole week's worth of time to do it. The secret?...MY COMPANY... where we simulate faraway places in the privacy of your own home!!
VISIT LOVELY HOBOKEN SEE FRANKIE'S BIRTHPLACE— $1.75
For example, this woman here has just signed up for our Swiss Ski Holiday.
When have you decided to go?
Well, if I can get my mother to watch the kids and get the mail stopped and get the time off from work—in about an hour.
Another advantage! No need to plan nearly 6 months ahead.
Mind if I join you, ma'am?
If you chip in 2 bucks; not at all!!

Now, the **first thing** that **happens,** like on any **regular** vacation, is we try to get the person to **buy Travellers' Checks** from one of our representatives.
PRESS FOR SERVICE
TRAVELERS CHECK

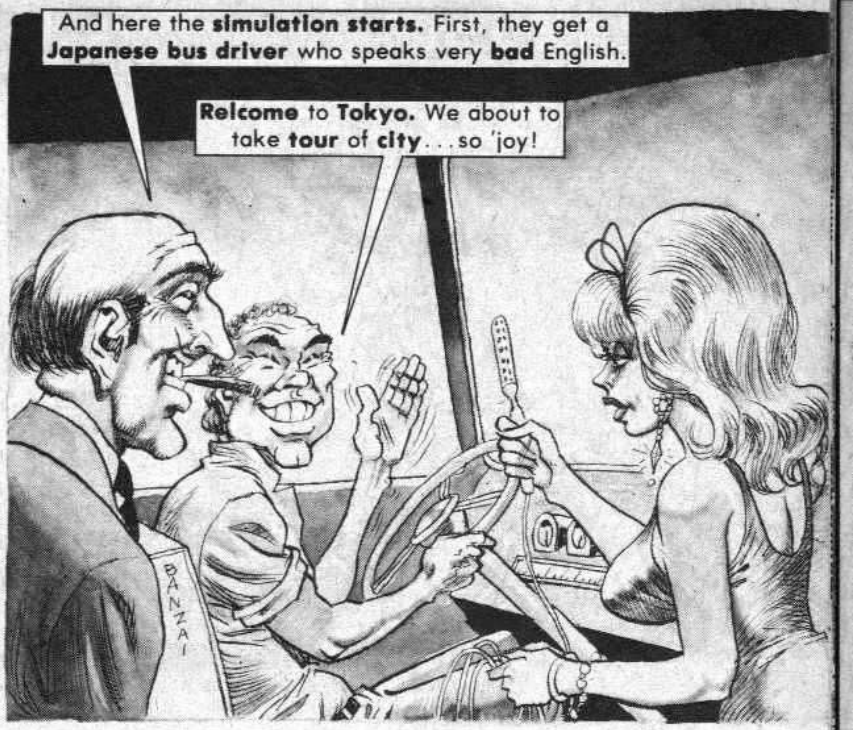

Next we go to the **client's house** while they're out and prepare their **living room** or **den.** In this case, we're simulating the snow-capped **mountains** of **Switzerland. White sheets** are placed everywhere and the **windows** are **opened** to **achieve** the **proper temperature.**

Next, we add a little atmosphere.
I **like** the **goat.**


And then **Mr. and Mrs. Frumpduster** arrive and they're **off** to the **slopes. Swish...swish...**down they go. **Good skiing, Mrs. Frumpduster, only...WATCH OUT FOR THAT ROCK!!**


They'll be at that for about **6 more hours.**
It seems **exciting** enough, only is it **REALLY** going away?!!
If it's done **correctly,** most **certainly!** Like down the block here, we have a **church group** going to **Japan** for the **afternoon.**
CRASH

These people are certainly **into** it!
And why shouldn't they be? They're about to **embark** on a trip to one of the world's most **exotic nations,** only **without** having to **fly 14 hours** to get there!!
SIGHTSEEING BUS

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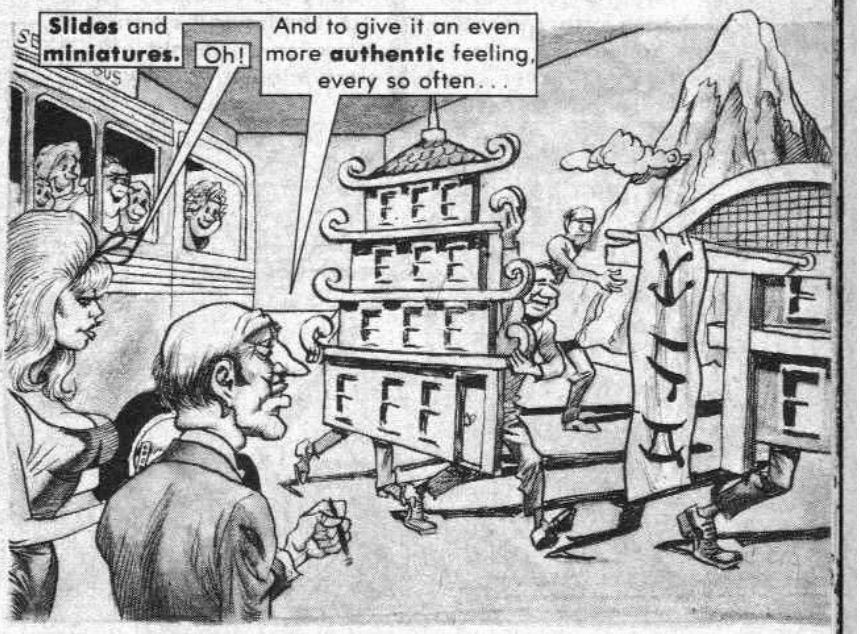

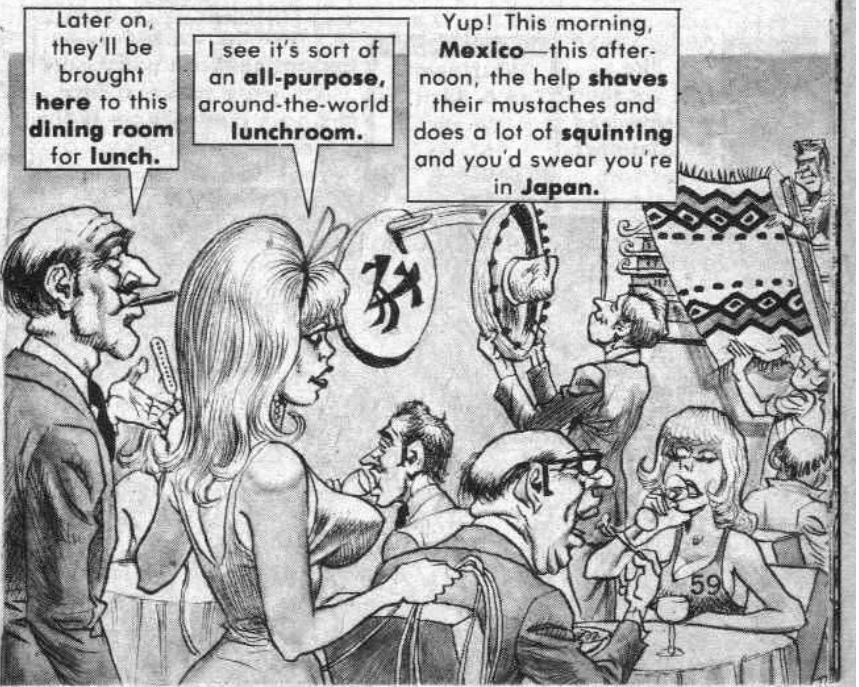

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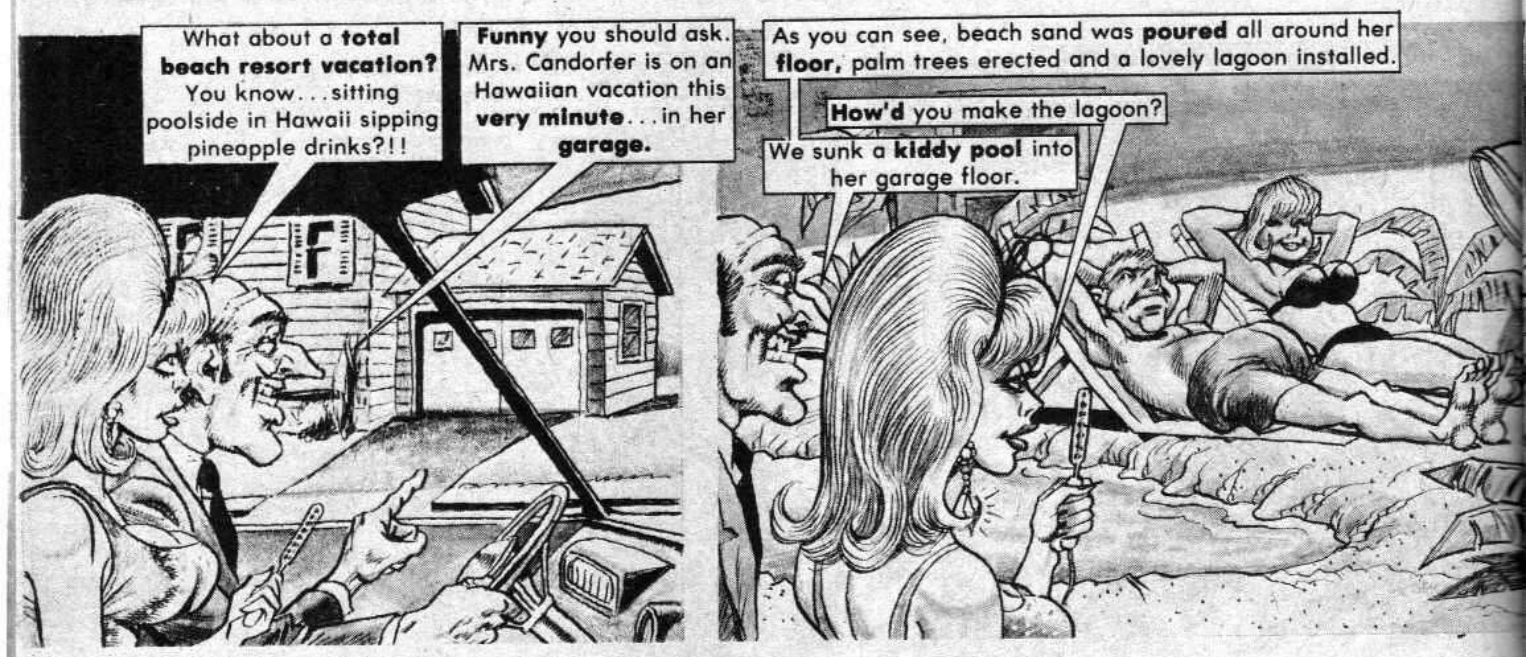
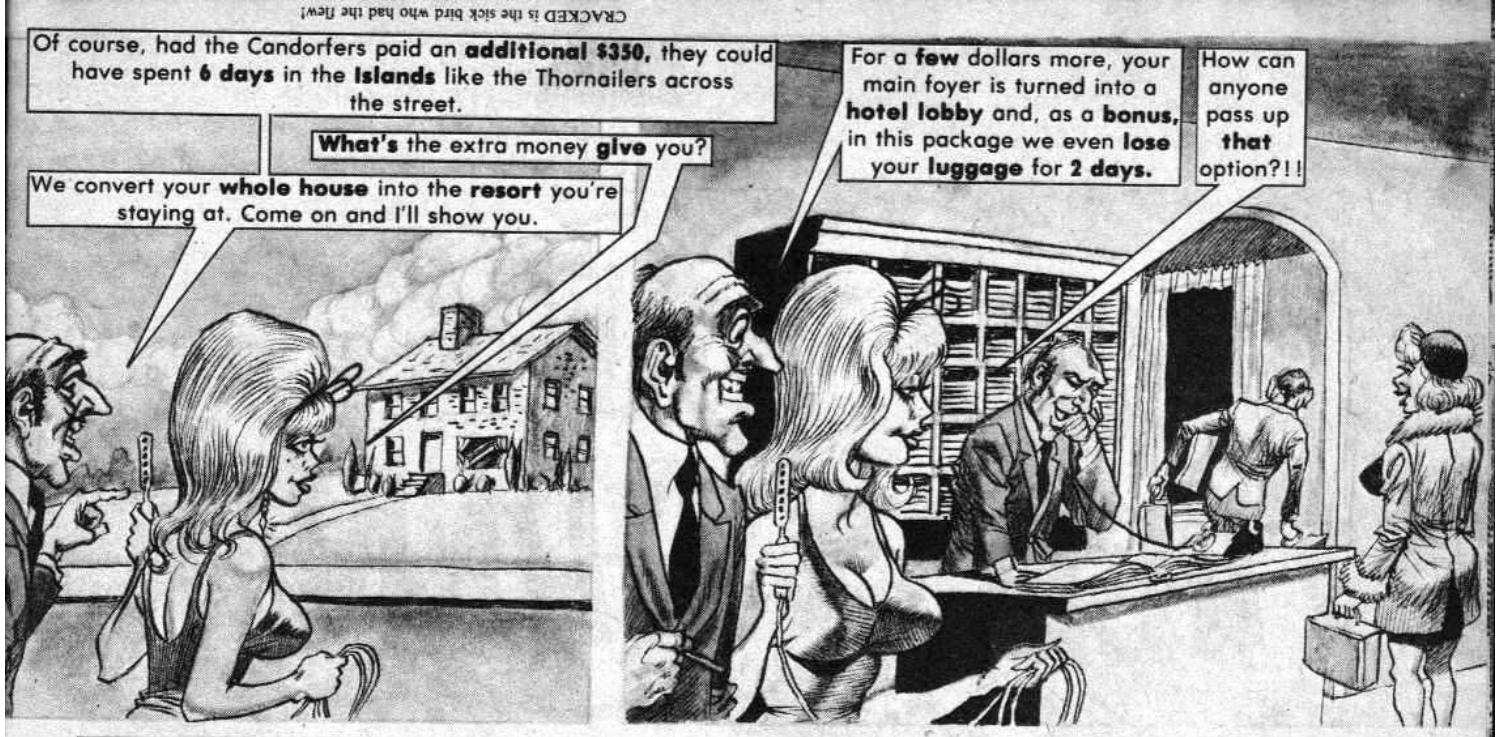
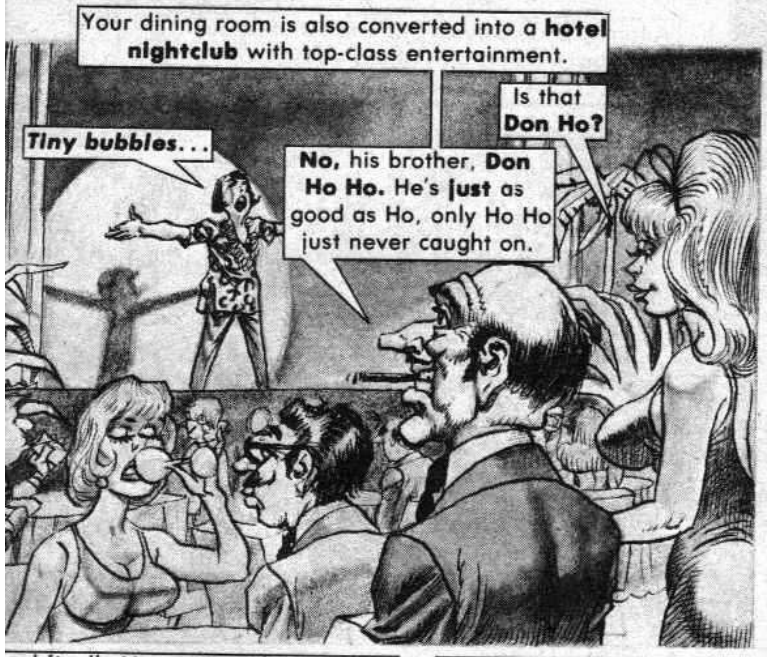
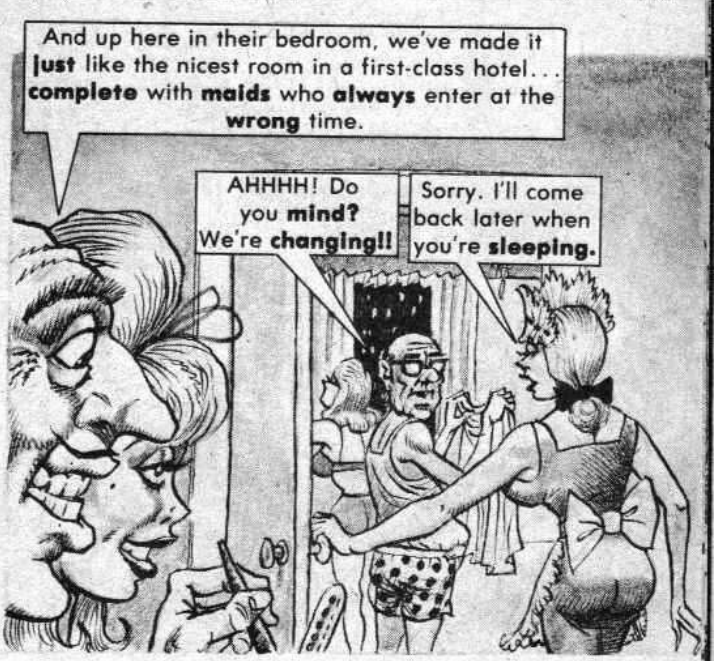



Of course, had the Candorfers paid an **additional $350,** they could have spent **6 days** in the **Islands** like the Thornailers across the street.
We convert your **whole house** into the **resort** you're staying at. Come on and I'll show you.
**What's** the extra money **give** you?
For a **few** dollars more, your main foyer is turned into a **hotel lobby** and, as a **bonus,** in this package we even **lose** your **luggage** for **2 days.**
How can anyone pass up **that** option?!!


Your dining room is also converted into a **hotel nightclub** with top-class entertainment.
*Tiny bubbles...*
Is that **Don Ho?**
**No,** his brother, **Don Ho Ho.** He's **just** as good as Ho, only Ho Ho just never caught on.


And up here in their bedroom, we've made it **just** like the nicest room in a first-class hotel... **complete** with **maids** who **always** enter at the **wrong** time.
AHHHH! Do you **mind?** We're **changing!!**
Sorry. I'll come back later when you're **sleeping.**

nd finally Nanny, we also provide the **one** thing people want **most** om a vacation——**TOWELS**...with e name of a first-class hotel printed n them. This way, people can steal nd use them for the **rest** of their **ives,** feeling as if they really **DID** go away.
WHIRLAWAY HOTEL
WHIRLAWAY HOTEL

And **that,** more or less, is **'Whirl-away Vacations'**—great travel at inexpensive prices.
One last question if I might. What gave you the **idea** for the company—all those **exotic travel ads** on TV?
No, **Ricardo Montalban.** I figured why not do Fantasy Island for **real!** There's only **one thing** I'm missing!
What's **that?**
A **dwarf** to keep my **books!** But, I'm **working** on it!

And this is Nanny Dickering saying so long until next— **AHHHH!** What's **that?!!!**
**Rain,** Nanny. Have you **ever** spent a week away without getting at least **one crummy day??**
NO, I... see ya next time. Anybody got a **towel??**

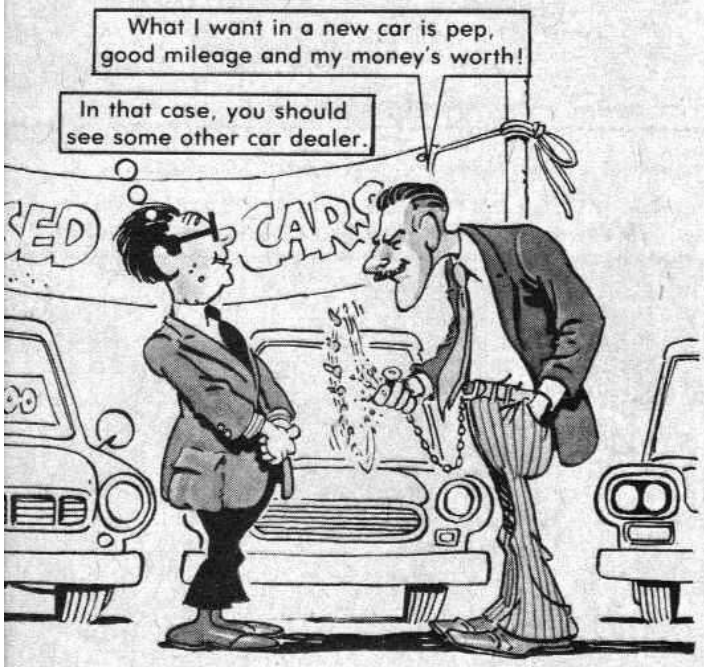
Communication involves more than words. Body gestures, facial expressions and eye contact all play a part. And yet, we still have ways to conceal our moods, feelings and reactions. Imagine how open communication would be if others could read your thoughts and know exactly

# WHAT YOU'RE REALLY THINKING

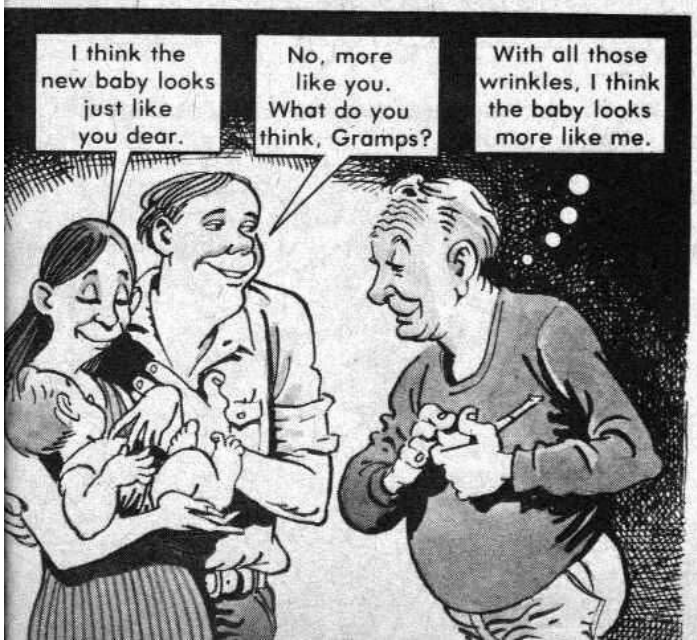
WARREN SATTER

Can I try on this skimpy bikini?
Sure if you can come up with a way to widen the dressing room door.
DRESSING ROOM
Sale
NEW OLD STUF
NO SALE

I love the wilderness, Jack! I could stay in these woods forever!
You may have to, unless I find the trail again.


What I want in a new car is pep, good mileage and my money's worth!
In that case, you should see some other car dealer.
CARS

Staying in shape is great! I did twenty miles yesterday.
Yeah, probably behind the wheel of your car.
TROT


I think the new baby looks just like you dear.
No, more like you. What do you think, Gramps?
With all those wrinkles, I think the baby looks more like me.

Hey, I gotta great idea for a new satire. How about "Reading People's Thoughts?"
Well, if you could read mine, you'd know what I think of it... ugh! blah! plfft!
CRACKED MAGAZINE EDITOR
MEATBALL POWER

# A DOZEN THINGS NEVER

....*Never* rent out advertising space on your bathing suit!

....*Never* attempt to revive a drowning victim by giving him a glass of water!

....*Never* offer to put sun tan oil on the back of a weightlifter's girlfriend!

....*Never* wear your toupee into the water!

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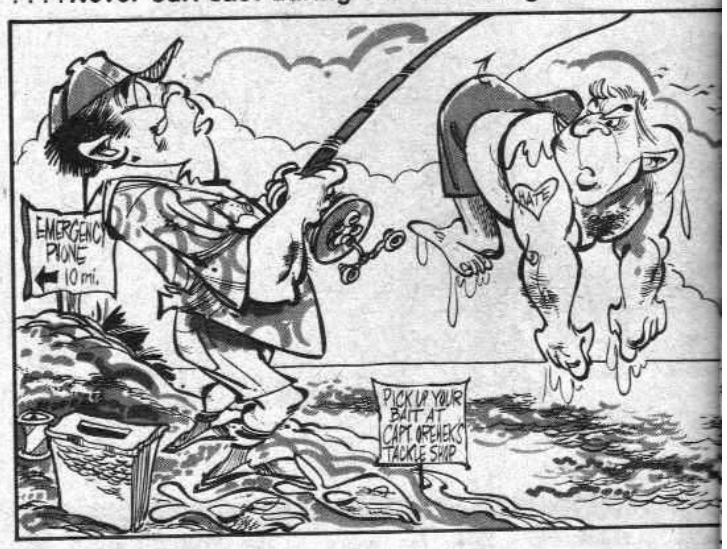
....*Never* surf-cast during the swimming season!




....*Never* attempt to surf any wave higher than the Empire State Building!

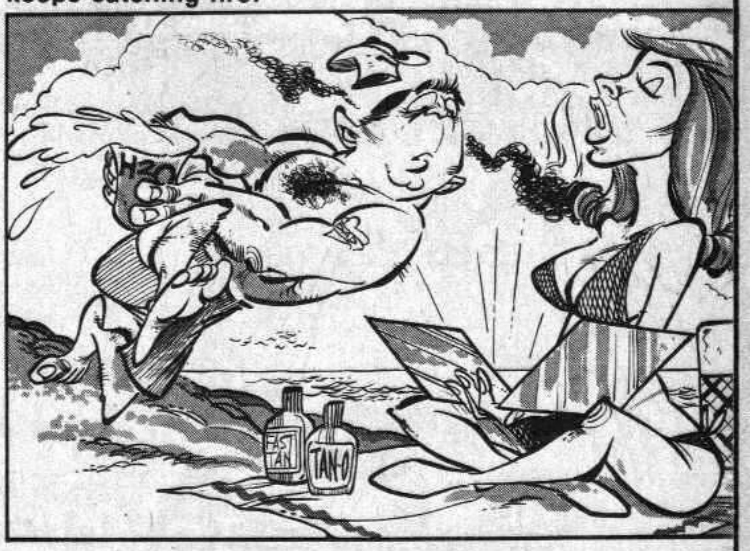
# TO DO AT THE BEACH...

. . . . *Never* go swimming in water that has more oil than your neighborhood gas station!

. . . . If a Russian submarine surfaces, *never* wait around to see what it wants!

. . . . *Never* expect to get much of a tan when wearing a leisure suit!

. . . . *Never* continue to use a sun reflector if your hair keeps catching fire!




. . . . *Never* wear last-year's bathing suit if you've lost more than 50 pounds since then.

If you see someone frantically waving in the water, *never* just wave back!

CRACKED is teaching a bird to steal so you can have a robber duck!

# THE JAY WALK

ONE WAY
BUS STOP
NO STANDIN'
DONT WALK

ONE WAY
BAM!
SSSKREEEEEK!

KRA-BAM!

8
7
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## Jimmy Carter

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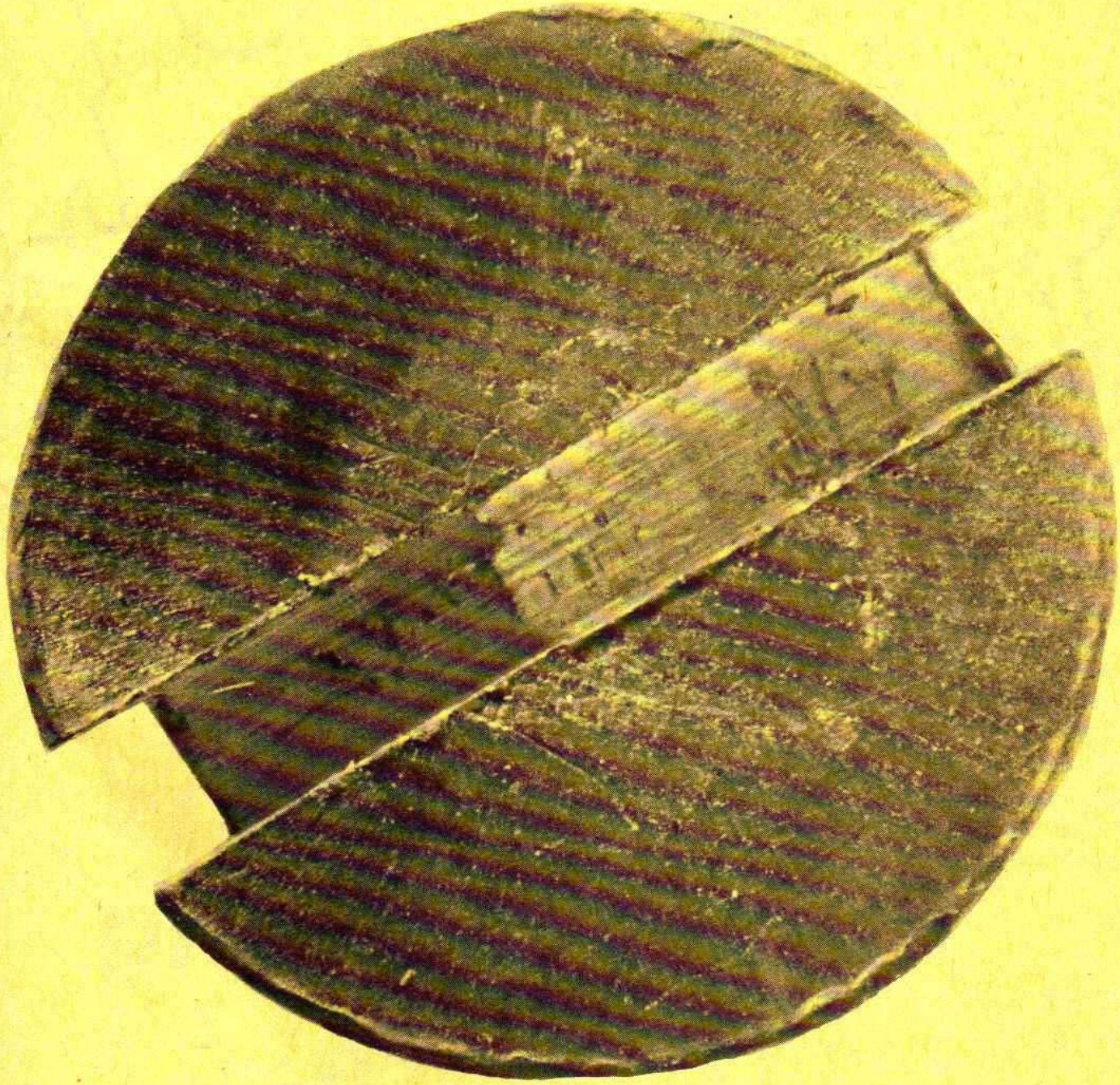


# THIS SCREW!

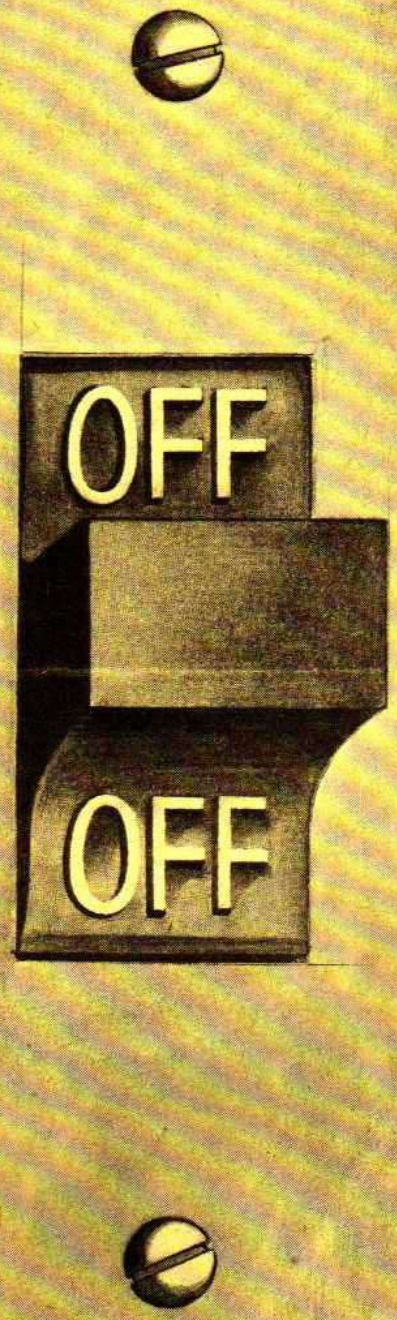
IT COULD BE THE ONLY THING HOLDING THE WORLD TOGETHER!

# DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST NEXT WEEK HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED!

# FINE FOR LITTERING

## IN THIS AREA.

**EVEN BETTER TO LITTER AROUND THE CORNER.**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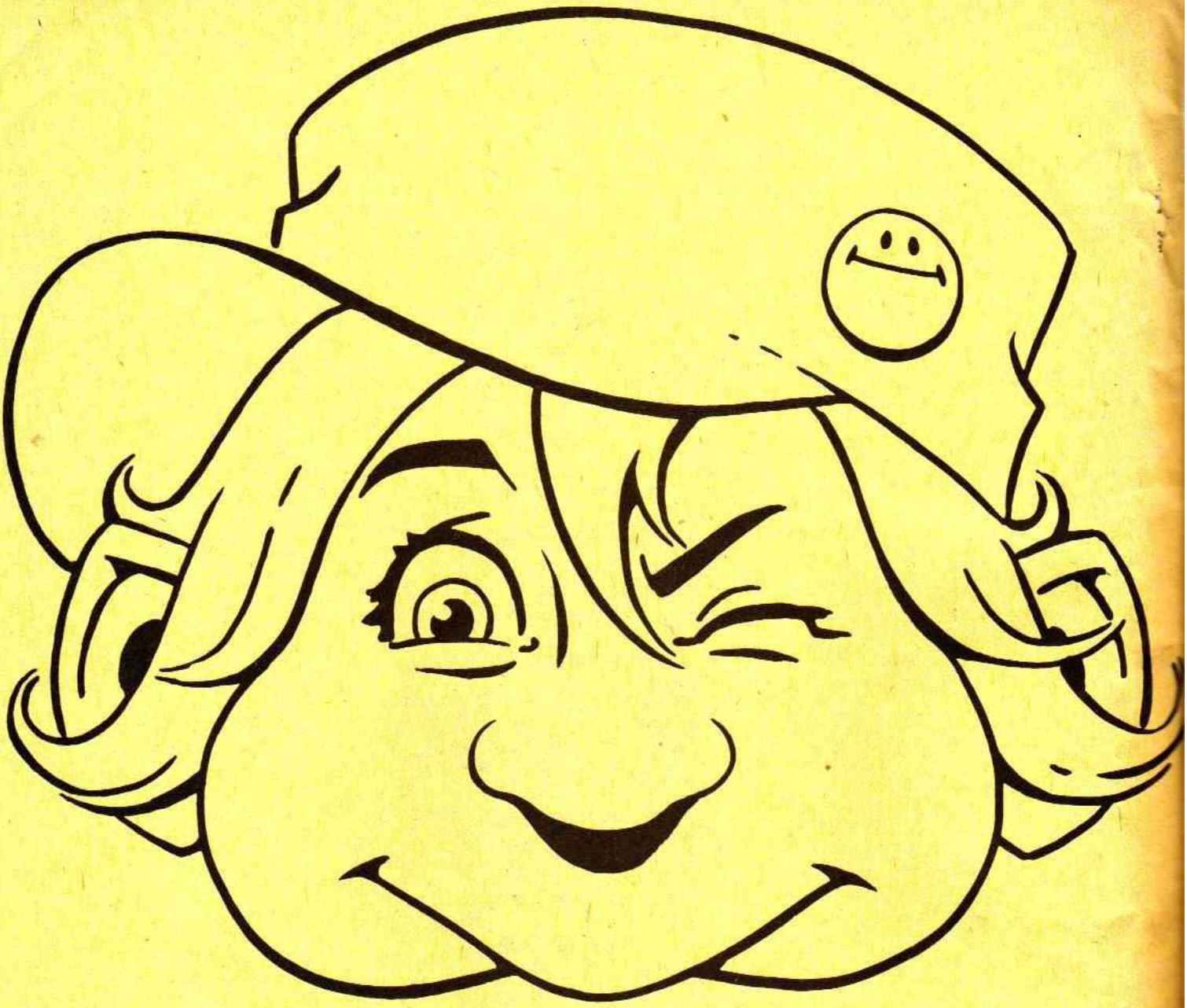
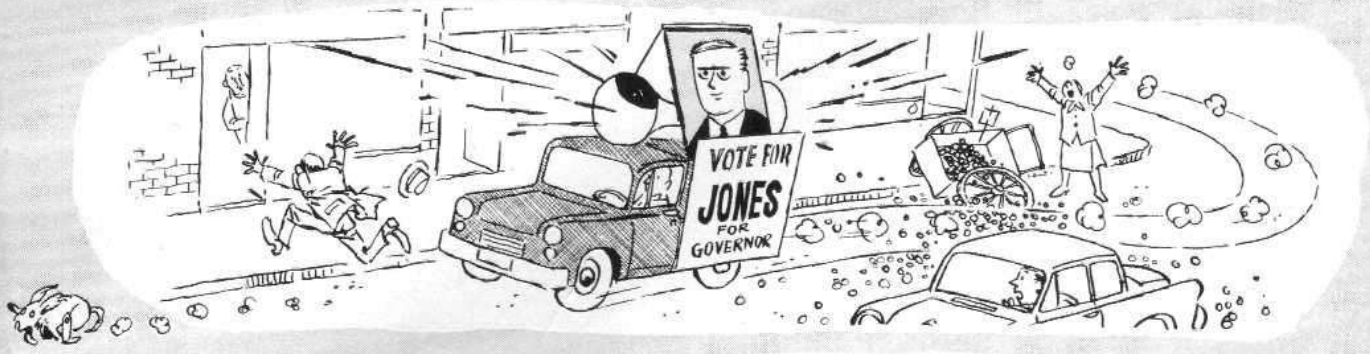
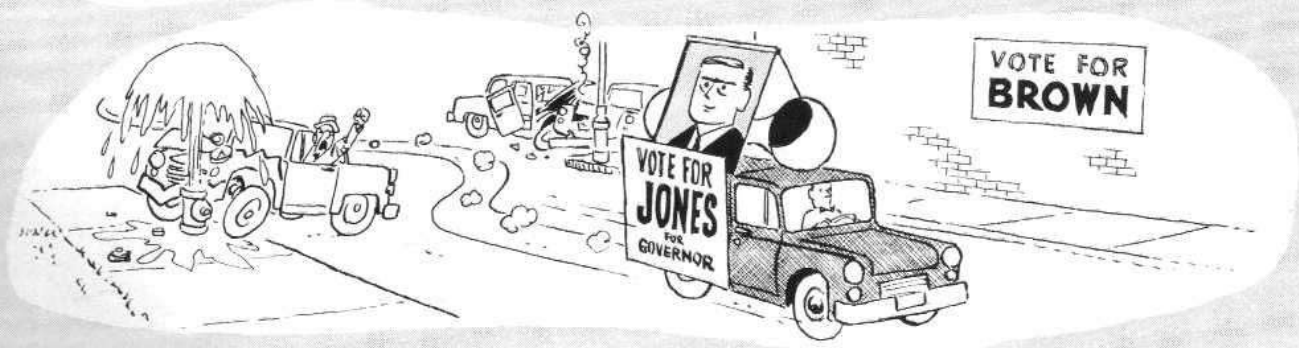


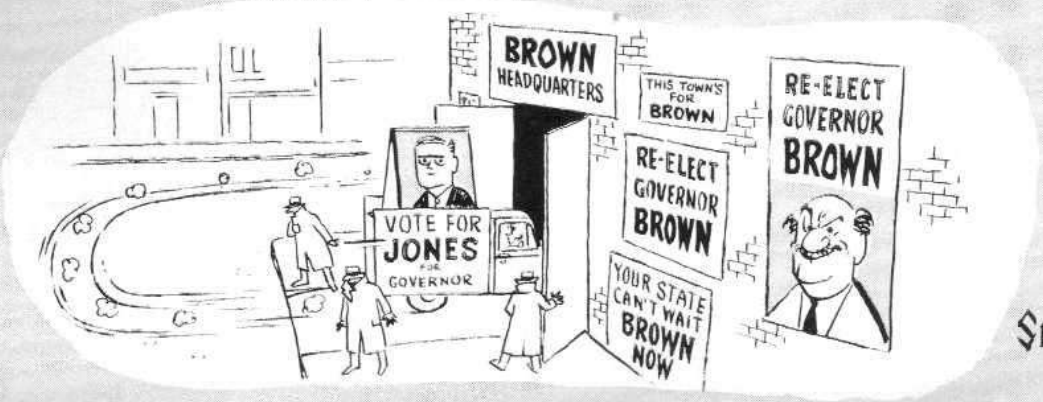
# Something Funny Is Going On Here!

THE BEST MAN SECTION:

# GET OUT THE VOTE!





# Great MOMENTS in FASHION

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## SIR ALGERNON STEWART-ELLSWORTH III INVENTS THE STOVE-PIPE TOP HAT